



Regional Care: MyBiz Expands to Alabama

MyBiz now links services across Mississippi and Alabama

"Economies are blind to state lines. Workforces are blind to state lines," says Christian B. Reed, director of entrepreneurship development programs at the Montgomery Institute. "As institutions we have to remove the barriers to entrepreneurs and give them the resources and tools they need to launch, survive and grow their businesses."

Reed leads the [MyBiz Network](#), which uses U.S.SourceLink's Resource Navigator to connect entrepreneurs and service provider organizations across Mississippi and, as of July 2009, across the entire state of Alabama.

With help from the University of Alabama and the Department of Labor, MyBiz brings resources and information together to help dislocated workers see entrepreneurship an alternative. Building on its already impressive network of resource partners in Mississippi and west Alabama, MyBiz hopes to add resources across the state that will help create new businesses and new jobs, especially in the rural areas affected by plant closings.

Dr. David Hale, director, Management Information Systems Program and the Aging Infrastructure Systems Center of Excellence at the Culverhouse College of Commerce at the University of Alabama, has been instrumental in building that network from the ground up. His teams of undergraduate and graduate MIS students have tapped their IT experience to build the Web site and have even worked as the ground team to gather resources in rural communities.

"Before MyBiz, people in rural areas didn't always know where to turn if they needed help starting a business," says Reed. "With Resource Navigator, MyBiz brings all those tools together in one, centralized location."

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