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ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI CERTIFIES THREE SITES AT CERES AS PROJECT READY

Vicksburg, Mississippi – (January 9) – The Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership announced today that Entergy Mississippi has authorized certification of three sites at the CERES Industrial Park as Economic Development Project Ready Sites. The certification is the culmination of months of work done by the Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership in coordination with Entergy Mississippi. The work included a comprehensive review, due diligence, and documentation generation for the three sites, in order to make them ready for prospective manufacturing or industrial projects.

Site location consultants and prospective companies require immediate response times and communities must be able to respond effectively and efficiently on very short notice. Entergy Mississippi works with communities to help them identify the due diligence and analysis needed to make sure their sites are ready for a project. Once the community has done what is required by the program, Entergy authorizes the Certification of the sites and provides resources to promote the certified sites and market them to national and international brokerage firms and site consultants.

Pablo Diaz, President & CEO of the Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership stated, “This is a very positive development for CERES and for our efforts to attract more companies to Vicksburg and Warren County. The certification process allowed us to document the strengths and weaknesses of our sites and to reduced the level of risk and due diligence that a potential company would need to undertake in order to decide to locate in our community. We are most thankful to Entergy Mississippi for working closely with us to accomplish this certification and we look forward to partnering with them to market the sites and CERES in general to companies across the nation and the world.”

Ed Gardner, Executive Director of Entergy Economic Development Added, “As decision timelines for companies grow shorter, Vicksburg Warren County understands having sites ready for development is a necessity to remain competitive. Entergy is proud to add three sites in CERES to the growing list of certified sites in our service territory. I commend the Economic Development Partnership for making the significant investments to meet the requirements of our program.”

Mayor George Flaggs of Vicksburg said, "Entergy is a key partner in our economic development efforts and this certification is another example of their commitment to help communities in their service territory be prepared for success. We have had tremendous economic development success in the past few years and Entergy has continuously been a close ally in that success"

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The Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership brings together the Vicksburg Warren County Chamber of Commerce, the Warren County Port Commission, and the Warren County Economic Development Foundation to lead Warren County's and the City of Vicksburg's Economic Development Efforts. Pablo Diaz is the President & CEO of the Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership.