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## HENRY TAKES OVER INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LABOR MARKET INFORMATION DIVISION

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, October 11, 2007 . . . . . Jim Henry, a longtime Alabama Department of Industrial Relations employee, has been named new director of the agency's Labor Market Information (LMI) Division.

"Jim brings vast knowledge and experience to the position," says Tom Surtees, Industrial Relations director. "He has worked for Industrial Relations since 1972, serving as both unemployment insurance actuary and LMI Research Section supervisor for over 30 years."

Henry succeeds the recently-retired Doug Dyer, who had served as LMI Division director since 1978.

"The demand for labor market information under the continually evolving workforce development concept presents both opportunities and challenges," says Henry. "There is so much data available that we need to come up with innovative methods to make the information available and relevant to citizens across the state."

Henry, a native of Ozark, earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Auburn University in 1969, and an MBA from Auburn University Montgomery in 1974.

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Industrial Relations is an umbrella organization of State government which administers: the State Employment Service, Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and Labor Market Information. Smaller programs also administered include Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation, Mine Safety and Inspection, and Surface Mining of Non-Fuel Minerals. For more information on Industrial Relations, visit the Web site: <http://dir.alabama.gov>.