

## Jackson Career Center Grand Opening

Over 80 individuals, including elected officials and the community gathered for the official opening of the Jackson Career Center on Thursday, February 7. Jackson Mayor Paul South brought greetings and thanked the Jackson Career Center staff for helping citizens find employment as well as helping employers find qualified workers.

Alabama Department of Labor (ADOL) Secretary Fitzgerald Washington, brought greetings on behalf of Governor Ivey and applauded the efforts of the Career Center staff for doing an outstanding job. "Even though the unemployment rate is at a historic low, there are over 500,000 underemployed job seekers," Washington said. "It's important that job seekers know about the training programs and services at the Career Center."

SWAPTE President Sydney Raine and Region 7 Board Member Shawn Harrison, Harrison & Harrison Insurance & Realty also addressed the crowd. Beverly Walker, Jackson Career Center manager gave remarks and encouraged visitors to take a tour of the new Career Center. She thanked ADOL for bringing this project to fruition as well as her staff and the support from elected officials and the community.

To learn more about the services offered at the Jackson Career Center, please visit [www.swapte.org](http://www.swapte.org) or [www.joblink.alabama.gov](http://www.joblink.alabama.gov).