

DS Waters of America, LP Customer Service Center Announces Quick Start Training Initiative Flowery Branch, GA, April, 12, 2006 - Training Agreement Signing Ceremony

DS Waters of America, LP, the leading Home and Office bottled drinking water company in the United States, is expanding its Flowery Branch Customer Service Center to create at least 50 new positions. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, DS Waters distributes eight regional brands of bottled drinking water throughout the country. Crystal Springs® is the brand most commonly recognized in Georgia and the surrounding area. DS Waters employs approximately 5,500 people in more than 30 states.

The Flowery Branch Customer Service Center will soon be hiring Customer Service Representatives as well as supervisory and support staff. All of the customer service positions require excellent communication and problem solving skills, and the ability to provide unsurpassed service to DS Waters customers and consumers.

DS Waters is pleased to be a partner with Georgia Quick Start and Lanier Technical College in this business expansion, which provides enhanced training opportunities for new associates.

Quick Start is Georgia's premiere economic development program, administered through the Department of Technical and Adult Education. The Quick Start program is an economic incentive program that provides employee training, at no cost, for qualified companies moving into the state and qualified existing companies that are expanding their work force. The Quick Start program has been in existence since 1967. During this time period, more than 515,000 students have benefited from Quick Start services in a wide variety of more than 4,600 expansion and relocation projects.

The Quick Start training agreement with DS Waters was developed based on a Project Study that was conducted at the Flowery Branch location. The training agreement is based on the commitment of DS Waters to provide new job opportunities for Georgians in the Hall County area. Quick Start will design and develop training materials, as well as provide instructors for the classes.

Working together, DS Waters, Lanier Technical College, and Quick Start will be responsible for the successful completion of this program. The partnership will not end when the Quick Start training is completed. Lanier Technical College will be available to assist DS Waters with ongoing training programs.

Russell Vandiver Vice President of Lanier Technical College said, "We are pleased to be working with DS Waters again and look forward to a productive partnership. DS Waters is an outstanding company and we are fortunate to have them expand their operation in Hall county".

Stephanie Myers, Director of Training and Organization Development for DS Waters, expressed appreciation for the support of Georgia Quick Start and Lanier Technical College, "Quick Start and Lanier Technical College truly demonstrate what it means to be a business partner. DS Waters experienced the quality of their training resources and services with the start up of the Flowery Branch Customer Service Center, and we consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to work with them again during this expansion opportunity".

For employment consideration, please send your resume to: Attention: Recruiter, DS Waters Customer Service Center, 4170 Tanners Creek Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.