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TUPELO, Miss. (AP) — A Toyota supplier in north Mississippi is taking applications for about 300 jobs at its Baldwin facility.

The job listings for Auto Parts Manufacturing Mississippi were posted on the Mississippi Department of Employment Security website Thursday. The company is looking for about 250 hourly workers and 50 supervisors that will work on salary.

Kiyoshi Tsuchiya, the general manager of Auto Parts Manufacturing Mississippi, told The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal that the company wants to "build a strong and diverse corporate family."

The plant will supply stamped body parts, plastic bumpers and plastic instrument panels for the Corolla sedans to be built at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi in Blue Springs, starting in fall 2011.

The company will begin hiring production workers in November, with the first start dates at the end of November. Hiring will continue through February.

"We are looking forward to having many local people join our team," Tsuchiya said. "The people in the area have a great work ethic and we hope that many team members will apply."

To apply for an hourly job, applicants have to go to a WIN Job Center location in Mississippi.

Pay will start at \$12.50 with increases as employees learn their jobs, Tsuchiya said. Pay will increase to \$13 after three months, \$13.50 after six months and \$0.50 each six months after that for a top rate of \$15.80 after 36 months.

The Toyota plant in northeast Mississippi has also been accepting applications for hourly production and skilled maintenance jobs.

The plant at Blue Springs is scheduled to open in the fall of 2011. Toyota has said the plant will have about 2,000 employees once it hits full operation in 2012.

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