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Former Hattiesburg Resident to Head BP

HATTIESBURG – Former Hattiesburg resident Bob Dudley [has been selected](#) by BP to replace embattled company CEO Tony Hayward. Dudley, pictured below, will assume command of the oil giant upon Hayward's resignation, which takes effect on 1-Oct-2010. Dudley is currently BP's managing director. According to the Associated Press, Dudley will be based out of BP's London office.



Sources tell USMNEWS.net that Dudley will now be a prime candidate to garner one of the CoB's executive of the year awards in the near future, in the hope that he would follow up with a sizable donation to the USM b-school. This was the strategy some CoBers believe that former CoB dean Harold Doty pursued when Ross Perot was given one of these awards by the CoB during Doty's 2003-07 tenure as dean. Although Perot did journey to Hattiesburg to pick up his award, and to speak to USM constituents, sources tell USMNEWS.net that no financial contribution from Perot followed that visit.