
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: WES ELLIS, WEB GURU
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
DATE: 5/23/2000
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Please run this text by Lisa and use it, or some approved semblance thereof, for a sub-page (Initiatives) of the Governor's web site:

The Governor's Task Force for Classroom Technology is a time-limited commission with the sole purpose of accomplishing the Governor's goal of placing an Internet-accessible computer in every public elementary and secondary classroom in Mississippi by the end of 2002.

Mississippi has laid a strong foundation for education and desires to continue to take sound and innovative measures to strengthen the schools within our state. Technology and the World Wide Web offer exceptional educational resources for Mississippi's school children and teachers. The public and private sectors, working together, have the capability to make technology and Internet resources available to Mississippi's school children and teachers.

Governor Musgrove's goal achieves two objectives: (1) enhancing the educational experience for Mississippi students and (2) helping bridge the digital divide for all Mississippians. **To date, no state has accomplished this goal.** To assist with this achievement, Governor Musgrove and his Classroom Technology Task Force are seeking vendors who are willing and able to partner with the state to strengthen Mississippi's educational system. The State is requesting that vendors offer aggressive discounts, creative pricing arrangements, and value-added products and services. **Governor Musgrove will publicly recognize the awarded Vendor(s) for its contributions to the quality of life in this state.**

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