

*Remarks for the
Regional Elected Officials Meeting
December 5, 2001*

- 10,000 ways to wear orange / 10,000 ways to do business

- Importance of infrastructure in recruiting and retaining businesses
 - More businesses use high-speed communications / broadband access
 - Traditional infrastructure
 - Water treatment
 - Sewer facilities
 - Transportation outlets

- Role of Advantage Mississippi initiative
 - Educational, training and retraining opportunities
 - Enhancing basic infrastructure, transportation and information

- State government more accessible, accountable and responsive
- Developing locally led regional development partnerships and initiatives
- Incentives and innovations

- Also important, education
 - Basis for all we do
 - Teacher pay is commitment to future
 - Computers in Classroom

- Can't look at a situation and think, "Something must be done"
 - Need to go with attitude "we must do something"

- I want us all to think that way
 - MS blessed with talent
 - Must invest it well