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Dear «Salutation2» «Last_Name»:

Electronic Government is an important endeavor that will enable citizens and businesses to interact with a more streamlined, service-oriented government. Electronic Government can reduce the paper use, streamline business tasks, and reduce processing times and should provide easier, faster access to government information and services, while cutting costs and improving efficiency in most government activities.

To this end, on August 8, 2000, I signed Executive Order #837 establishing the Governor's Commission on Electronic Government ("E-Government Commission") to advise me regarding technology infrastructure and propose recommendations to ensure increased efficiency and effectiveness of electronic government. The Commission's membership includes both public and private sector leaders who can bring program knowledge, experience and ideas as to how Mississippi can most effectively implement a foundation for E-Government now with a eye toward the future needs and expectations of our citizen and business communities.

The schedule for initial recommendations is aggressive. A draft report outlining the implementation of E-Government in Mississippi is due by December 1, 2000. This report will be built, in part, upon the work accomplished by E-Government Task Force. A copy of *Implementing Enterprise E-Government in Mississippi – Executive Summary* is included for your review.

The Commission will conduct its initial meeting on Monday, September 18, from 1:30-3:30 PM in the ETV Auditorium, 3825 Ridgewood Road in Jackson. I will be there to welcome you and to review with you my vision for E-Government. Also, Jim Barksdale has been invited to share his views on Mississippi as an enterprise and what that means in the information world. Finally, members of the E-Government Task Force will overview their work to date and lay the groundwork for our future meetings.

Your input and participation are keys to the successful implementation of E-Government in Mississippi. I ask that you prioritize this meeting and those that follow and look forward to seeing you on September 18.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

Attachments: Agenda
Implementing Enterprise E-Government in Mississippi – Executive Summary