

SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Southern Growth Policies Board's 2003 Annual Conference

June 1-3, 2003 -- Biloxi, Mississippi

"It's going to take a tremendous amount of leadership to make a dramatic change...to have the kind of South that we believe should be showcased nationwide."

*--Governor Ronnie Musgrove (MS), Chairman, Southern Growth Policies Board
2002 Conference on the Future of the South*

Thirty years ago Southern governors such as North Carolina's Terry Sanford and Georgia's Jimmy Carter created the Southern Growth Policies Board as a region-wide public-private partnership to address the critical issues the South faced in economic development and growth. For three decades Southern Growth has harnessed leadership from both the public and private sector for the good of the region.

The 2003 Southern Growth Policies Board Annual Conference will focus on leadership itself. Much of the progress the South has made economically in the last several decades – developing world-class universities, creating clusters of innovation and prosperity in Atlanta, the Research Triangle Park and Northern Virginia, building global companies such as FedEx and Wal-Mart – is due to the consistent exercise of visionary leadership.

Leadership is critical for the continuing success of the South. It's critical at every level – from the smallest communities to the biggest states – and it's critical in every sector – education, government and private enterprise.

Please join Southern Growth Chairman Governor Ronnie Musgrove to explore ways to strengthen leadership in the South and to harness it to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity of every Southern citizen. Mark your calendars for June 1-3, 2003, in Biloxi, Mississippi. The conference will take place at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino (www.beaurivage.com).

Further details will follow in *Friday Facts*, Southern Growth Policies Board's weekly e-mail newsletter. If you don't already subscribe to *Friday Facts*, sign up on the Southern Growth website at www.southern.org.

