
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: DRAFT "INVENTED HERE" BENCHMARKS FOR SOUTHERN GROWTH POLICIES BOARD
DATE 4/25/02
CC: FILE

Per your request, Dr. Angie Dvorak of the Technology Alliance and Clay Lewis of MDA have prepared the attached draft 10-year targets for Mississippi to meet the goals, objectives and benchmarks of the Southern Growth Policies Board's (SGPB) *Invented Here* report.

For each of the benchmarks, data published in *Invented Here* was used to compare Mississippi's baseline with the national average and the current baselines of our adjacent states (AL, TN, AR and LA). Based upon this comparison, achievable 10-year targets were identified.

Angie and Clay have suggested that these target values be further validated as part of the Technology Alliance's *Technology @ Home in Mississippi* community tour this summer. This consensus-building step would help to inform citizens about the importance of *Invented Here* benchmarks and would solicit their feedback and comments about the target values.

I've reviewed the draft 10-year targets and they appear reasonable to me, except for those on the tagged pages that I've highlighted. It appeared to me that these 10-year targets only improved minimally. I have not been able to reach Angie to inquire as to why, but I will do so.

Please either okay these draft targets so that we may forward them to SGPB or mark any questions that you want answered. Thanks!