

“Enhancing Mississippi’s Educated Workforce”

Government, Business, and Education Leaders Working Together to Prepare our Workforce

Monday, April 23, 2001

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Jackson Hilton and Convention Center
1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, MS

9:00 – 10:00 **Registration** (Imperial Hall)

10:00 – 12:00 **Opening Session** (Salon A)

Welcome Den Knecht, Vice President, Public and Industrial Relations, Ingalls Shipbuilding

Introduction Dr. Jayne Sargent, Superintendent, Jackson Public Schools

Facilitated Discussion Dr. Willard Daggett

Dr. Willard R. Daggett, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education, is known worldwide for his efforts to move the education system towards more rigorous and relevant skills and knowledge for all students. Dr. Daggett will engage a discussion of what Mississippi must do to develop the workforce necessary for successful economic development.

12:00 – 1:15 **Lunch** (Salon B)

Welcome Blake Wilson, President, Mississippi Economic Council

Keynote Address Governor Ronnie Musgrove

1:15 **Break**

1:30 – 3:00 **Break out sessions** (See room assignments on enclosed list)

Small groups of business, education and government leaders will work with a facilitator to:

- ❖ *Define what Mississippi needs in an educated workforce*
- ❖ *List the changes that must occur for Mississippi to develop this educated workforce*
- ❖ *Define the barriers we must address*
- ❖ *Decide what data we need to examine the facts (What data is available and what do we need?)*
- ❖ *Decide what is working in Mississippi and what new ideas would work here*
- ❖ *Outline specific next steps*

3:00 – 3:15 **Break**

3:15 – 4:00 **Closing Session** (Salon A)

Future Application Jim Lott, Director, Employment Training Division, Mississippi Development Authority

Analysis of Discussion Dr. Willard Daggett

Dr. Daggett will synthesize the break out groups’ comments and help to define Mississippi’s next steps.