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Governor Musgrove Appoints Members of The Special Task Force for Economic Development Planning

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Musgrove today appointed members of The Special Task Force for Economic Development Planning. The Task Force is established within the Bureau for Comprehensive Long Range Economic Development Planning under the University Research Center.

The Task Force is responsible for preparing and maintaining a long range plan for the economic development of the state. The plan addresses all state, national and international economic, finance and demographic, natural resource and infrastructure factors relating to the overall status and economic development of the state.

The Task Force consists of twenty-three members.

State's public universities (1): Dr. Ronald F. Borne, University

State's junior colleges (1): Edna Boone, Ocean Springs

Mississippi Association of Supervisors (1): Joel Yelverton, Clinton

Mississippi Municipal Association (1): Jeanie Smith, Jackson

Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (1): Clark Holmes, Jackson

Mississippi Economic Development Council (formerly Mississippi Industrial Development Council (1): Jerry Acy, Madison

The President of the Mississippi Economic Council: Blake Wilson

The State Superintendent of Education: Dr. Richard Thompson

The State Treasurer: The Honorable Marshall Bennett

The Executive Officer of the State Board of Health: Dr. Ed Thompson

The Director of the State Highway Department: W. Hugh Long

The Governor's Special Assistant for Economic Development: Donna Simmons

The Executive Director of the Department of Economic Development or his designee: J. C. Burns

Federal Agencies (2): Janita Stewart, Small Business Association
Wilson Golden, U. S. Department of Transportation

Representatives of business and/or professional enterprises in Mississippi (6):
Kate Groover, McComb Rebecca Montgomery, Pass Christian
W. Hibbet Neal, Jr., Jackson William A. Percy, Greenville
Troy Stovall, Jackson Joseph Thomas, Yazoo City

Representative of business or professional enterprises residing outside Mississippi and may include foreign nationals (2): Hu Meena, Jackson
Doug Horne, Knoxville, TN

“By streamlining the functions of the Long-Range Planning Office at the University Research Center and cultivating a closer working relationship with the state's highest development authority, this planning task force can be better utilized and monitor the state's physical, human and capital resources,” said Governor Musgrove.

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