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**GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE WELCOMES QC DATA TO MISSISSIPPI  
Credit for securing project given to Advantage Jobs Act**

JACKSON, Miss., May 29 – Governor Ronnie Musgrove officially welcomed the QC Data organization to Mississippi Tuesday morning at BellSouth. QC Data, with world headquarters in Calgary, Alberta Canada was awarded a regional contract with BellSouth GIS Solutions to provide data maintenance and data management of BellSouth’s Central Office Engineering records for all nine states within the BellSouth region. QC Data and BellSouth currently have agreements in place for the maintenance of outside plant records, landbase updates and construction management support.

“I am delighted to welcome QC Data’s new regional center to Mississippi. This announcement is another example of the success of our new vision for economic development, the Advantage Mississippi Initiative,” said Governor Ronnie Musgrove. QC Data, with 75 employees qualifies under the guidelines established for “Advantage Jobs” payroll rebate benefits. “The relationship of BellSouth, QC Data and the state of Mississippi is another great example of how business and government can partner to benefit our people,” added Governor Musgrove.

“BellSouth is proud to be partnering with QC Data and the State of Mississippi to bring new high tech jobs to the state. Major factors we considered when making the decision to locate this operation in Mississippi were the pool of skilled personnel available and the incentive package crafted by the state legislature, the Governor’s office and the Mississippi Development Authority,” said John McCullouch, President of BellSouth’s Mississippi operations.

Michael Pfeiffer, President and CEO of QC Data stated, “QC Data is proud to extend its long-standing partnership with BellSouth for technical data maintenance to now further include the outsourcing of their Central Office records. The Mississippi Development Authority presented the ideal environment for QC Data to expand our presence in Jackson. Since first locating in Jackson in 1997, we have found the workforce to be knowledgeable and Mississippi an excellent place to do business.”

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J.C. Burns, executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority said, “Improving Mississippi through economic development is our priority. Our agenda is to make Mississippi competitive, so that more companies like QC Data can bring good paying jobs to our state.”

BellSouth is a \$25 billion international communications company, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, providing telecommunications, wireless communications, cable and digital TV, directory advertising and publishing, and Internet and data services to nearly 36 million customers in 19 countries worldwide.

QC Data International Inc. is a leader in outsourcing services in managing and maintaining operational data for utilities, telecommunications providers, health and pharmaceutical organizations, and government agencies.

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