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Governor Musgrove Accepts Final Report On Remote Sensing Technology

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove was presented today with the final report of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Remote Sensing Technologies. The Commission was created in May by executive order, and charged with developing recommendations for the creation of a uniform clearinghouse of public remote sensing data, including a digital land base computer model of the state.

"We're moving into a new era of technology," Musgrove said. "Through collaborative efforts, we're in a position to be a leader in the remote sensing industry."

The Commission's report outlines the potential for remote sensing technology in the state and its economic impact. It also contains legislative recommendations that can be implemented immediately without funding, including the establishment of a policy board to coordinate government activities regarding Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems and assignment of responsibility for those activities under the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services.

Charles Chisholm, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, chaired the Commission. David Litchliter, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS), served as vice chair.

"The governor's task force has given us a road map to follow that will ensure a coordinated effort by state agencies and local governments in making better, faster decisions on economic development, environmental issues, agriculture, transportation, telecommunications, forestry and homeland security," Chisholm said.

"This is another area where Mississippi is taking a leadership role and setting the standard for others to follow," Musgrove said.

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