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## **Governor Musgrove Supports “Blueprint Mississippi” Plan**

(Jackson, MS) - Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today his support of an initiative commissioned by the Mississippi Partnership for Economic Development and the Mississippi Economic Council, "Blueprint Mississippi".

“I commend the business leaders involved in this effort. Through public/private partnerships, Mississippi can continue to achieve unprecedented goals, as we have since Advantage Mississippi was launched. We must continue to be innovative and aggressive in our economic development efforts. Blueprint Mississippi, in partnership with Advantage Mississippi, will reinforce our position as a leader in economic development,” said Governor Musgrove.

Steve Hale, executive director, Mississippi Development Authority said, “MDA has formed a strong partnership with the Blueprint Mississippi effort. We will continue to build upon this relationship to help our state be even more competitive for jobs and educational opportunities. We will provide ‘Blueprint Mississippi’ two professionals for each committee to assist in this bold initiative.”

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