Governor Musgrove: Homeland Security Grant Briefings Scheduled Statewide

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(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that briefings will be held statewide for municipal and county officials regarding the Fiscal Year 2003 Homeland Security Grant Program. Local officials will receive information on the grant application process and formal application materials.

"We are encouraging local officials to take full advantage of this opportunity," Musgrove said. "Millions of dollars are being provided to assist in training, purchase of equipment and other essential security aspects."

In early March, Musgrove urged the release of federal funds for the state's first responders. Approximately \$7.5 million in funding was announced for the grant program just days later.

Briefings will be conducted at the following locations:

May 1: Holmes Community College (Grenada Branch)

1060 Avent Drive Grenada, MS 10:00 a.m.

May 6: Mississippi State University Extension Service

Southwest District Office 1320 Seven Springs Road

Raymond, MS 9:30 a.m.

May 7: Mississippi State University Extension Service

Forrest County Office 925 Sullivan Road Hattiesburg, MS

9:30 a.m.