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Musgrove, Leaders Participate in Community Forum *Local Employer Convenes Civic Leaders in Flowood*

FLOWOOD, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove joined a number of civic and industry leaders today as a participant in the 1st Annual Nucor Mississippi Community Leaders Forum. The event, sponsored by area newcomer Nucor Steel Jackson, united government officials, business leaders and community representatives in discussions aimed at addressing issues from improving education to environmental protection.

An array of federal, state and local leaders were on hand at the company's Flowood mill. A host of state and local officials ranging from state development officials and lawmakers to local school board members and mayors were in attendance.

"It is exciting to see this cross section of interests come together to examine how we can work together to the benefit of our state and local communities," stated Musgrove. "Nucor's commitment to its employees as shown in its emphasis on improved safety and educational scholarships is commendable. We certainly expect tremendous positive impact to result from this employer's presence in our state."

Nucor Steel Jackson employs 225 workers in Mississippi with an average annual salary of \$65,900 and contributes nearly \$200 million annually to the state economy as a result of its significant investment in the state. The company also provides substantial scholarship funds for employees and their children. To date, the company has awarded more than \$25 million in scholarships nationally and \$62,500 in scholarships already year to date to the employees and dependants in the Jackson, Mississippi mill alone.

Nucor is also the nation's largest recycler and has 29 operations in 14 states. The company recycles more than 16 million tons of scrap steel annually with 315,000 in Mississippi last year alone. Much of this recycled steel originates from millions of scrap automobiles that would otherwise accumulate in already overburdened landfills.

Sheble said, "Nucor strives to make meaningful contributions in each of its host communities. We could not be more pleased to responsibly participate in enhancing Mississippi's economic, environmental

and educational outlook. After all, we not only do business in Mississippi, we live, work, and raise our families here as well.”

Nucor leads the American steel industry in production, sales and environmental stewardship. For decades, Nucor has pioneered and implemented innovative technologies that allow it to provide the materials the global economy demands for growth and expansion while preserving and protecting natural resources. A valued corporate citizen and neighbor, Nucor strives for operational excellence while working in concert with its host communities.

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