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Fast Forward Mississippi, a Mississippi School-to-Careers Initiative, is sponsoring “Enhancing Mississippi’s Educated Workforce” on Monday, April 23, at the Jackson Hilton. This forum will create a dialogue between government, business and educational leaders in Mississippi to discuss how they may all work together to prepare Mississippi’s workforce with the needed skills critical to the continued advancement and growth of Mississippi.

Dr. Willard R. Daggett will facilitate the forum. He is President of the International Center for Leadership in Education, which was established in 1991 with a mission of ensuring that all students have the benefit of a rigorous and relevant education. Furthermore, Dr. Daggett is well known as the designer of the Application Model, which provides a framework to determine the relevance of curriculum and assessment to real-world situations.

Governor Ronnie Musgrove will present a luncheon keynote address. During afternoon break out sessions, participants will define Mississippi’s needs for an educated workforce, identify changes necessary to develop this workforce and outline specific next steps.