

July 9, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your interest in Mississippi's plan to maximize the benefits provided for our citizens through the newly established Delta Regional Authority. Enclosed you will find an application to be used when applying for funds through Mississippi's Delta Regional Authority Office. Please note that the accompanying forms to be used will differ based upon the *type* of project being proposed, **construction** or **non-construction**. The forms may be duplicated if necessary.

All applications must be received by no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, July 26, 2002. Completed applications are to be mailed to the Office of the Governor, at P.O. Box 139, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, or delivered to 501 North West Street, Woolfolk Building, 15th Floor, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The Delta Regional Authority must give priority to four types of projects, in this order: 1) Basic Public Infrastructure, 2) Transportation Infrastructure, 3) Business Development (with emphasis on entrepreneurship), and 4) Job Training and Employment-related education. More information on these areas of funding priority is also enclosed.

Applications will be received by the Office of the Governor until July 26, 2002, and a prioritized list of projects will then be forwarded to the multi-state Delta Regional Authority for funding consideration. **Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.** The Office of the Governor does not have the authority to expend federal funds appropriated by Congress to the Delta Regional Authority.

Again, we appreciate your interest in the Delta Regional Authority. Please feel free to call on me if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,



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Governor's Alternate to the Delta Regional Authority