

*Remarks for the
Oralbotic Research Inc. Announcement
November 3, 2003*

■ Recognize

- Lamar County Board of Supervisors,
- Mayor ,
- Gray Swoope

■ (Oralbotics representatives),

■ Representatives and Dr. Shelby

Thames(USM)?

■ I am extremely proud to be here with you
today

■ Mississippi is earning its future, reaping the
rewards and is focused on its priorities

- Priorities- Education and jobs

- Improving the quality of life for all of its 2.8 million citizens

■ As Governor these are the priorities I have focused on

- Also the priorities that Hattiesburg and Forrest County are focused on

■ Oralbotics is a business based in California

- (Name) wanted to expand and we stepped up to the plate
- Mississippi and Forrest or Lamar County? or Gray Swoope area ED group? were willing to work together with Oralbotics Research Inc. to make today a reality –
- That's what we mean when we say Mississippi is open for business.

- Group that worked on this project with Steve Hale and Joey Roberts at Mississippi Development Authority and others saw an opportunity and seized it.
- To the city and county officials and citizen's of _____ County – your partnership with Oralbotic Research Inc. and Mississippi is clearly demonstrating the path to success.
- It has been my promise and practice to do exactly what we have done here to bring more jobs to you.
- When you were ready for the next step – we were glad to be right there with you.

- 80 new jobs will be created during the first year and 202 jobs will be created in three years.

- Oralbotics group, Dr. Tankersly and Dr. McLaurin – We were proud to work with you to make your dream a reality.

- I can remember a number of times they came to me to discuss Oralbotic Research Inc. and their product HydraBrush.

- We were ready to help.

- By working together, we have accomplished a lot, but I don't have to tell you it hasn't been easy
 - Every state impacted by national recession
 - More than \$7 million lost in stock market
 - June 2003 report from Bureau of Labor Statistics: 9.4 million Americans out of work –NAFTA 41,000 to Mexico
 - Alabama, Texas and Florida are raising taxes and Arkansas is cutting services. Mississippi has refused to follow.

- Image of MS in 2003 far different than the image most know

- Moving faster than anyone else into the 21st century
- Competing and leading in the global marketplace

- Setting new standards for education and economic development

- Mississippi is a recognized leader in education

- **Good schools = good jobs.**

- The best thing for a child to see everyday on their way to school is their parents on the way to a good job

- The image of the Mississippi of 2003 is unlike anything anyone could have imagined
 - It's an image of people working in highly-skilled, well-paying jobs
 - It's an image of children in classrooms equipped with the technology to bring the world to their desk

- It's an image your leaders are building right here

- I am proud to say that we have been right there with you as you provide leadership for your future and a place where your children can stay instead of leaving the state.

- On thing I learned when I was first elected as a state senator – It does matter who’s governor. Mississippians need to have a governor who’s accessible to the people

- We will continue to work hard to be your partner, to create opportunities and to listen to your needs

- Throughout my career, I’ve put the people of Mississippi first and I plan to continue

- Thank you for working with us and for your commitment and dedication to building a better Mississippi