

Groundbreaking for VA Training Facility  
Monday, April 23, 2001  
11:20 a.m.  
Pearl, MS

**Talking Points**

- Good Afternoon. It is a pleasure for me to be here today for this groundbreaking ceremony.
- When I said economic development and better job training was a priority of my administration, I meant it.
- This groundbreaking today is another reinforcement that public and private interests can find common ground and higher levels of new partnerships.
- I want to recognize everyone involved with this training facility for their hard work and dedication in providing better opportunities for all Mississippians.
- What an exciting time for this state, and for the people of our state.

- Just a couple of weeks ago, Nissan officially began construction in Canton, MS.
- We are sending a message to the Nation that we are serious about economic development in our state.
- The Advantage MS Initiative will bring more good jobs to the people of our state, and it helps create a better Quality of Life for Mississippians in all 82 counties of our state.
- Our new plan gives MS the competitive edge over other states.
- I look forward to a productive future together with other state leaders and to continued advancement in our state.
- I'm excited to share in this groundbreaking ceremony with you today.
- The nation is taking notice and once again we are proving that Mississippi is "America's State of Promise"
- Thank You.