
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN IHL PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING GLOBAL EDUCATION MOBILE (GEM): FRIDAY, 9/21 AT 10:30 A.M.
DATE 9/18/01
CC: JUMPER

IHL forwarded us a request last week for you to participate in a press conference this Friday morning at 10:30 at IHL. The press conference will be to announce the operation of the Mississippi Global Education Mobile (MS-GEM). The MS-GEM is a bus that has been outfitted with a network of approximately 15 laptops. The MS-GEM is designed to be taken around the state for use by schools, universities, businesses, PDDs, etc.

MS-GEM's goal is to encourage work force development in remote sensing and other modern technologies that depend on access to networked computers. The objectives of the MS-GEM include:

- providing strategic planning opportunities and resources for "community" education and economic development
- providing education and educational technology professional development for teachers and college faculty
- providing academic and career enhancement for students
- providing workforce training and professional development in areas that require access to modern computer technologies and software applications

IHL is trying to firm up plans for the press conference and has asked if we could go ahead and push the invitation in front of you for your consideration (thus, this memo). Dr. Bill McHenry, Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs, reports that Commissioner Layzell, Chancellor Khayat and Alan Faulkner from NASA will also speak. The media will be invited to tour the GEM after the press conference.

Do you want to participate in this press conference?

Yes _____

No _____