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MPI SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY HONORED WITH AWARD

JACKSON, Miss., September 1 – The Southern Growth Policies Board announce MPI Software Technology, Inc., in Starkville, Mississippi is the recipient of the 2000 Governor’s Cup Award. The award was won in the category of 50 or fewer employees.

MPI develops networking technology software and “messaging middleware” that enables groups of personal computers and servers to work together, duplicating the performance of much more expensive supercomputers.

“MPI is to be commended for the outstanding work they are doing in the field of computer technology. To be recognized with a Southern Growth Policies Board Governor’s Cup award reflects highly upon the company and the people of Mississippi,” said Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

The Governor’s Cup awards showcase businesses in the South that are successful and have boosted economic development by employing people, contributing to their communities, helping create a highly skilled workforce, and other factors. MPI will accept their award at Southern Growth’s fall board meeting, concurrent with the Southern Governors Association fall meeting.

MPI Software Technology Inc. was launched in 1996 based on research done by its founder, Dr. Anthony Skjellum at Mississippi State University. The company began in the Golden Triangle Enterprise Center, a technology business incubator in the Mississippi and Research and Technology Park in Starkville, Mississippi in 1999.

Southern Growth develops and advances policies by providing a forum for partnership and dialog among Southern governors, legislators and stakeholders from business, academia and economic- and community-development sectors. The organization provides research, information and cutting-edge projects. Southern Growth is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization supported by the governments of 13 Southern states and Puerto Rico.

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