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**SUBJECT: Homeland Security Website Unveiled**      **Date: August 16, 2002**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today unveiled Mississippi’s new homeland security website, designed to provide the most up-to-date information on the state’s efforts regarding domestic preparedness. Joining Musgrove at the press conference were Robert Latham, executive director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Mississippi’s director of Homeland Security, and Martha Pemberton, director of Information System Services for the MS Department of Information Technology Services (ITS).

“Our world has changed dramatically since the events of September 11, and this website provides a resource for all Mississippians to be aware of what’s happening,” said Musgrove. “With the click of a mouse, people can find information about what action Mississippi is taking, as well as what they can do to protect themselves.”

The website was designed, in coordination with staff from MEMA, by a team from Information Technology Services, which is the state agency that oversees the technological infrastructure for the state. The web site offers a comprehensive source of information regarding security efforts, citizen information and preparedness facts.

“This website is designed to provide citizens of this state with up-to-date information regarding homeland security,” Latham said. “Every Mississippian has a critical role to play in our homeland security preparedness efforts.”

“Our team designed this site in support of the efforts of MEMA and all state agencies involved with homeland security,” said Pemberton. “There was a critical need for information to be easily accessible to the public, and this was the best way to share that information.”

The address for the new website is [www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov](http://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov).