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Governor Musgrove Awards \$519,255 Grant to Lee County for Public Improvements

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today presented a check in the amount of \$519,255 to Lee County for access road construction, water, sewer and gas improvements to assist the expansion of H. M. Richards in Guntown, Mississippi.

“H. M. Richards has made a sizable investment in Mississippi, and it is important for Mississippi to invest in projects to help retain and recruit industry,” Musgrove said. “These funds represent the state’s investment in the businesses that play such a vital role in the economic growth of our state and our people.”

H. M. Richards, a manufacturer of stationary upholstered furniture, moved from Saltillo to a new facility in North Lee Industrial Park in 1999. With the move came an investment of \$1 million in a new building and the creation of 70 new jobs.

The funds from the state, in the form of a Community Development Block Grant, are made available through the Mississippi Development Authority.