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Governor Musgrove To Visit Quitman for Discussion of Jobs, Economic Development

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove is scheduled to travel to Quitman, Mississippi, today to meet with city and Clarke County officials. The focus of the meeting will be on jobs and economic development. State and local officials have been working together following the announcement that the Burlington factory would be closing in March.

“Our work is focused on bringing jobs back into this area, and we’re going to make that happen,” said Musgrove. “Economic development is economic development; it doesn’t matter if you’re talking about two guys and a truck or 4,000 people making a truck. The end goal is about jobs for our people.”

Musgrove sent the Mississippi Development Authority’s Rapid Response Team to Clarke County immediately following the announcement from Burlington.

“We’re rolling up our sleeves along with the officials from Quitman and Clarke County, and devising a long-term plan of action for the community,” Musgrove said. “The closing of the Burlington plant will hurt this area, but we’ll work hard to ease the impact.”