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Governor Musgrove Visits Gulf Coast WIN Job Center

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove paid a visit today to the Gulf Coast WIN (Workforce Investment Network) Job Center in Gulfport, saying the center is a key part of the state’s constant efforts to attract and retain jobs in Mississippi.

“At WIN Job Center locations around the state, just like this one, employers and hopeful employees can access services in the areas of employment, education, training, human services and economic development,” Musgrove said.

Musgrove said the more than 60 WIN Job Centers around the state, including the four centers on the Gulf Coast, provide one-stop employment and training services for both employers and job-seekers.

“This program creates a convenient and user-friendly system for those who use it, because it combines the federal, state and community workforce programs and services into locations, such as this center, all over the state,” he said.

Musgrove also visited Gulf Coast Community College, where he discussed the vital relationship between education and economic development. Speaking to a group of administrators, he said his proposed Rural Economic Impact Authority would strengthen that relationship and offer more opportunities for workforce training to Mississippians.

“Across the state, especially in the rural areas, we have to pull all our resources together to make a difference for our people,” he said. “Such an effort must focus on our strongest resources, which can be found in our junior and community colleges and economic development infrastructure.”

Over the past three years, 2,103 facilities have been opened and expanded, creating more than 50,000 new jobs. The total investment in new and expanded businesses during that time exceeds \$14.1 billion.

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