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Governor Musgrove Awards \$500,000 Grant to Batesville

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded the City of Batesville a \$500,000 grant through the Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program on behalf of ACI Building Systems, Inc.

“We will continue to encourage and support our local leaders in their economic development and community improvement projects,” said Musgrove. “Together, we are building better communities and a stronger Mississippi.”

The funds are awarded by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), which also approves grant recipients.

“This program is an excellent instrument to assist our communities in their quest to create new job opportunities and promote continued growth,” said Steve Hale, executive director of MDA.

The Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program (RIF), administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), is designed to assist and promote businesses and economic development in rural areas by providing grants and loans to rural communities and loan guarantees to rural businesses. Governor Musgrove proposed the program during his 2003 State of the State and the State Legislature enacted it during the 2003 regular session.

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