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National Institute of Governmental Purchasing
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Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to extend an invitation to all members of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing as you prepare for your 2004 NIGP National Forum and Products Exposition. I would like to encourage you to consider the beautiful and friendly Gulf Coast in our great State of Mississippi.

We hope your organization will visit the Mississippi Gulf Coast to take advantage of the many wonderful experiences we offer such as our fine Mississippi cuisine or one of our numerous cultural or entertainment events.

If you would like more information about our great state or if I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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