



# Governor Barbour Announces Another Job Creating Project for Mississippi

On Monday, February 2, 2009, Governor Haley Barbour and other state and local officials gathered in Jackson for the announcement of the expansion of ATK in Tishomingo County. Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors President Brandon Grissom was at the announcement and reported that “ATK is committed to create at least 600 new jobs and invest a minimum of \$200,000,000 in the Tri-State Commerce Park facility. This project was a team effort and we thank Governor Barbour, our legislative and congressional delegation, the Mississippi Development Authority, Tennessee Valley Authority, North Mississippi Industrial Development Authority, Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, and our other economic development partners. The project was highly competitive with other states.”

District Five supervisor James McDowell was also at the announcement and stressed that “the ATK expansion is the result of a lot of hard work over a long period of time by everyone involved. The board of supervisors is committed to do whatever it takes to bring new jobs to Tishomingo County.”

The Iuka expansion involves a \$25,000,000 Major Economic Impact Authority grant, a \$2,600,000 CDBG grant for HVAC improvements, and an investment of approximately \$5,000,000 from Tishomingo County. The project also includes tax incentives and \$1,250,000 for job training via Northeast Mississippi Community College. The new jobs will pay an average of \$53,000 per year.

Tishomingo County Development Foundation Chairman Peyton Cummings said that “we welcome this expansion to Tishomingo County. This project was an exemplary effort by the board of supervisors to bring new jobs to Mississippi. We thank the board of supervisors for their tireless efforts on ATK, G&G Steel, and other projects in the pipeline. This is an exciting time for Tishomingo County in spite of the recession.”