SUPPLY CHAIN: BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

A Supply Chain is the sequence of activities performed by different organizations through a linked channel to contribute to create and distribute goods or services in fulfilling customer requests. The primary activities include procurement and production of materials, flow and storage of goods, services and information of customers from point of origin to the point of consumption. The performance of a supply chain depends on how effectively maintain the flow of materials, manage the raw materials, work-in-process and finished products inventories, and align short-term and long-term goals and objectives of the participating organizations.

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AVIATION BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The global economy is linked by international airports that allow jet setting business travelers and high value air cargo to quickly move around the world. This has led to the rise of the concept of the aerotropolis, which is a combination of an international airport, a city built around the airport, air cargo facilities, and business hub. (For further information on the concept see: Kasarda, John D., and Greg Lindsay. 2011. Aerotropolis: the way we'll live next. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux). Examples in the U.S. include Memphis, Miami, and Dallas-Fort Worth.

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GOVERNOR BRYANT ADDRESSES FORUM

Less than two weeks after being elected Mississippi’s next governor, Phil Bryant has made it clear that a key role in his administration will be recruitment of new industry. In fact, Gov.-elect Bryant is already actively courting major manufacturing companies -- foreign and domestic, -- that are interested in setting up shop in our state. That’s appropriate and also gratifying.

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