INVITATION TO THE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

YOU'RE INVITED - Join us for the CLTT Industry Advisory Council Strategic Planning Meeting on August 2, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the University of Southern Mississippi campus in Hattiesburg. The meeting will be held at the Trent Lott National Center (map) in Room 207. We would like to encourage your participation in an open discussion to gather your ideas and thoughts about future objectives and initiatives of the CLTT in meeting the ever-changing needs and opportunities in the Gulf Region. Your attendance and contribution of input are essential as we continue in the growth and evolution of the CLTT.

We look forward to seeing you in Hattiesburg!

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MISSISSIPPI’S INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS UP 30 PERCENT

Statistics on international trade reveal that Mississippi is moving up on the amount of products being exported to other countries. Jerry Hingle, executive director of the Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA), said Mississippi exports were up 30 percent during the first four months of 2012. He is hoping to bolster that number by providing assistance to small businesses that may not have the resources to do so on their own. SUSTA is a non-profit organization that provides programming and funding to help small businesses that produce high-value food and agricultural products expand their businesses through exporting.

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ALTERNATE AFGHAN SUPPLY ROUTE TAB: $2.1 BILLION

Pakistan’s refusal to let NATO access its ports and roads into Afghanistan has cost the Defense Department more than $2.1 billion in extra transportation costs to move supplies and equipment in and out of the country. The stunning revelation of the exorbitant cost comes as the Pentagon continues to negotiate with Islamabad to regain access to the supply routes. "The good news is that there is no reason to believe this will continue to be those discussions," Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Friday during a briefing at the Pentagon. "There are some tough issues to try to resolve but, you know, I think the important thing right now is that both sides in good faith both parties working to see if we can resolve this." Pakistan closed the ground route to NATO supplies after a U.S. airstrike mistakenly killed 24 of its soldiers last November. The only other access to landlocked Afghanistan is through the Northern Distribution Network, a series of roads through Russia and Central Asia.

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He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander.
- Aristotle

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