



### Obama signs \$10.8B highway bill



President Obama on Friday signed a \$10.8 billion measure that will fund highway and bridge repairs for the next ten months.

The short-term measure, approved by lawmakers last month, is paid for using a budgeting maneuver called pension smoothing, which allows corporations to reduce their contributions to employee retirement plans. By allowing companies to do so, the government can boost tax

revenues since companies are no longer eligible for tax deductions.

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### MDOT study: State airports generate \$2.5B in economic activity

According to a recent study by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), the state's 73 airports generate more than \$2.5 billion annually in economic activity, provide vital connectivity links enabling businesses to function more efficiently and improve the quality of life for residents in airport communities. The system of public-use airports is an essential component of Mississippi's overall transportation infrastructure and an important stimulus for economic growth and development.



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### Industrial base essential to overcome future threats



Lt. Gen. Michael E. Williamson, principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, said that after three months in his position, one of the things he's learned is how the industrial base is interwoven with risk.

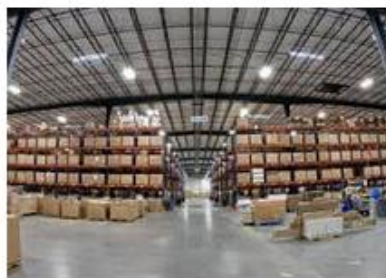
Speaking before a packed house of Association of the U.S. Army members, at the organization's Institute of

Land Warfare breakfast, Thursday, Williamson said he wasn't going to make remarks about specific equipment programs. Instead he wanted to talk about what kept him up at night.

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### Logistics as a Lifecycle Discipline

Course Overview: With the recent surge to improve and integrate logistics products, this course has been developed to target both the academic as well as practitioner audience. On the academic side, it would be an appropriate logistics body-of-knowledge recap for both undergraduate and graduate students concentrating in logistics and supply chain management. From a practitioner view, it will serve as both an introduction to the field of life cycle logistics and as a "refresher" update for both the concepts and methodology used today in these functional roles.



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*Believe you can and you're halfway there.*  
-Theodore Roosevelt

### SOUTHERN MISS FOOTBALL

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9/06 vs Alcorn State  
9/20 vs Appalachian State  
9/27 vs Rice

#### Away

8/30 at Mississippi State  
9/13 at Tuscaloosa

### UPCOMING EVENTS

SASHTO Conference - New Orleans, LA - Aug 23-17,2015

ITS 3C Summit - Mobile, AL - Sep 14-17,2014

APICS 2014 - New Orleans, LA - October 19-21, 2014

MTI Conference - Jackson, MS - October 21, 2014



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