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## **GOVERNOR JINDAL WELCOMES NUCOR STEEL EXECUTIVES TO THE STATE CAPITOL**

Governor Bobby Jindal along with state senators Rob Marionneaux (D-Grosse Tete) and Jody Amedee (D-Gonzales) welcomed Nucor Steel Corp. executives to the state capitol on Thursday during the legislative session.

Nucor Corp. is in negotiations with the state to build a \$2 billion metal mill in St. James Parish that would produce 6 million tons of pig iron per year by 2012. The mill would create 925 direct jobs and approximately 5,000 support jobs in the area in just the first two phases. There are three phases expected in the project.

"Securing this metal mill would have a significant economic impact in our state, and would bring in high-paying jobs and huge financial gains. We are striving to build a long-term relationship with Nucor and attract more companies of this caliber to come to Louisiana." Marionneaux said.

Nucor Corp., which is based in Charlotte, North Carolina, has operating facilities primarily in the U.S. and Canada. It is the largest recycler in North America. If possible, the corporation plans to start construction in August 2008.