

Aerospace and Defense

Develop. Build. Protect.

With an experienced workforce, strong educational partnerships and a robust inventory of industrial sites, Southeast Mississippi offers a premier destination for aerospace and defense companies.



Competitive Advantages

- Mississippi is a right-to-work state with a supportive business climate, aggressive incentives and expedited environmental permitting.
- Southeast Mississippi offers an outstanding transportation network that includes three federal interstate highways, multiple four-lane highways and access to four in-state commercial airports.
- The region has access to three in-state Gulf Coast ports with connection to four class I rail lines.
- Southeast Mississippi has a vast inventory of industrial sites and buildings, including sites that meet strict development criteria through Mississippi Power's Project Ready® certified sites program.
- Mississippi Power offers superior reliability, world-class customer service and customizable rates.

Trained and Ready Workforce

- Specialized training programs targeting the aerospace and defense sector's skill sets are offered at community colleges throughout Southeast Mississippi. Current aerospace programs offered include: **Electronics, Welding and Cutting, Precision Manufacturing, Machining, Aviation Structures Mechanic, Mechanical Maintenance, Instrumentation and Control Technology, and Unmanned Aerial Systems.**
- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College has partnered with Mississippi State University (MSU) to offer a four-year engineering degree program to support the aerospace and defense sector in the region.
- The region has one of the greatest concentrations of avionics and aircraft maintenance personnel in the United States when compared to all mid-sized metropolitan markets.

Aerospace Initiative Incentives Program

Mississippi offers an Aerospace Initiative Incentives Program that provides enhanced tax incentives for aerospace-related businesses that locate or expand in the state. Companies may qualify for a 10-year state income tax exemption, a 10-year franchise tax exemption and an exemption from sales and use tax during start-up if they create 25 jobs that pay 110% of the state average wage and make a \$25 million investment.

Huntington Ingalls Industries produces 70% of the U.S. Navy's warship fleet in Pascagoula .



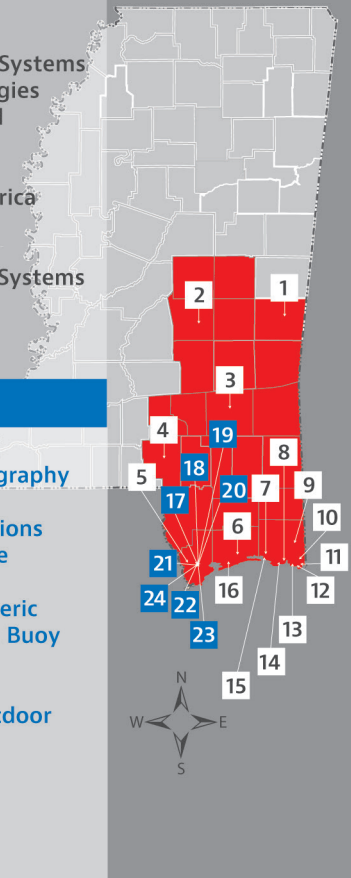
A Compelling Track Record of Success

- The Mississippi Gulf Coast Aerospace Corridor is in the heart of the fastest growing aerospace region in the U.S. This region provides unique assets and a competitive advantage for aviation and defense companies due to its concentration of existing aerospace companies and supporting resources.
- America's premier rocket engine test complex is located at Stennis Space Center, which is not only home to NASA and other federal tenants, but also many other leading aerospace companies and R&D initiatives.
- Defense companies enjoy being in close proximity to Keesler Air Force Base, the Army's Camp Shelby and Meridian's Naval Air Station.
- Mississippi State University (MSU) is a leader in aerospace engineering, flight research and UAS development. Recently, MSU was named a Center of Excellence for UAS.
- The Department of Homeland Security selected South Mississippi for a multi-agency unmanned aircraft (air, land and water) demonstration range.

- 1 Lockheed Martin
- 2 Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems
- 3 PG Technologies
- 4 Zodiac Aerospace
- 5 Tyonek
- 6 Seemann Composites
- 7 Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems
- 8 BAE Systems Applied Technologies
- 9 Northrop Grumman Unmanned Systems
- 10 SAIC
- 11 Rolls-Royce Marine North America
- 12 VT Halter Marine
- 13 Huntington Ingalls Industries
- 14 Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems Support
- 15 PFG Precision Optics
- 16 Leidos

Stennis Space Center

- 17 Aerojet Rocketdyne
- 18 Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command
- 19 Lockheed Martin Space Operations
- 20 National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- 21 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Data Buoy Center
- 22 Naval Research Laboratory
- 23 Rolls-Royce North America Outdoor Test Center
- 24 SpaceX



Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) can take flight in Southeast Mississippi by having access to industry expertise and over 300 square miles of Federal Aviation Administration restricted airspace.



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