



# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

**MISSISSIPPI** is a prime location for today's advanced manufacturing companies. The state offers key advantages, including the 3rd lowest union membership rate in the nation, a top 5 ranking for speed of permitting, and a top 5 ranking for competitive utility rates.

Mississippi's **transportation network, which was ranked the 8th best in the nation** in 2014, helps ensure efficient and timely delivery of goods manufactured here. The state's centralized geographic location provides single-day roadway access to more than 55% of U.S. businesses, providing an added competitive edge to manufacturers.

The state has an abundant supply of well-educated and productive workers. Mississippi's **community colleges customize training programs** to meet companies' needs, both for new and existing industries, across the state's target sectors. In 2013, more than 96,000 individuals from 550 companies benefited from community college workforce training.

Mississippi is home to **four major public research universities**: the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi State University in Starkville, the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, and Jackson State University in Jackson. The state's research universities have a strong reputation for partnering with industry to move innovation from concept to reality.

These factors combine to create a significant competitive edge for today's global and domestic manufacturing companies. That's why Mississippi's success stories are continuing to grow in advanced manufacturing.

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**HYBRID PLASTICS**  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
**TOP TEN**  
NANOTECHNOLOGY COMPANIES  
&  
ENABLED THE  
**WORLD'S 1ST**  
SYNTHETIC ORGAN  
TRANSPLANT  
with POSS® technology

MISSISSIPPI RANKS  
**TOP 5**  
IN ADVANCED  
MANUFACTURING  
Expansion Solutions Magazine, 2013

MISSISSIPPI RANKS  
**70% NAVY'S**  
FLEET OF WARSHIPS  
— are Manufactured by —  
**HUNTINGTON INGALLS**  
IN PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI RANKS  
**TOP 10**  
STATES FOR  
DOING BUSINESS  
Area Development Magazine, 2014

**HOWARD INDUSTRIES**  
Headquartered in Laurel, Mississippi  
**LARGEST**  
TRANSFORMER  
MANUFACTURER  
IN THE USA



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major universities throughout the state offer ABET-accredited undergraduate degree programs in 16 different engineering fields.



**WORKFORCE**

Mississippi's skilled workforce is its greatest treasure. Mississippians have a "can-do" attitude and are driven by pride to do things right. Robust workforce training programs offered throughout the state equip Mississippi's people with the necessary skills to get the job done. A right-to-work state, Mississippi's affordable cost of living, low overall cost of doing business, and tax and financing incentives make it an attractive economic option for companies of all sizes—from start-ups to established multinational corporations.

An enterprise is only as good as its people—that's why more industry leaders are choosing a Mississippi location to compete in today's global marketplace.



**INCENTIVES**

The State of Mississippi offers a variety of grant, loan, and tax incentive programs designed to assist businesses creating jobs and making capital investments in the state. For a full list of advanced manufacturing industry business incentive programs available from the state, visit the incentives page.

“THERE'S NO QUESTION WE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE WITH COMING TO MISSISSIPPI WITH THIS PROJECT.”

Tadaharu Yamamoto, President  
Yokohama Tire Manufacturing Mississippi, LLC

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**MISSISSIPPI'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**



**ROADS**

DIVIDED FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE, SIX INTERSTATES, & 14 FEDERAL HIGHWAYS

**RAIL**

30 RAIL CAR PROVIDERS, INCLUDING FIVE CLASS 1 RAILROADS, (2,500 MILES OF TRACK)

**PORTS**

15 PORTS (2 DEEPWATER) ALONG THE GULF OF MEXICO, MISSISSIPPI RIVER, & TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY

**AIR**

7 COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS (INCLUDING TWO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS)