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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