



AEROSPACE

MISSISSIPPI Global aerospace leaders are calling Mississippi home in growing numbers. Compelling business advantages like the state's low operating costs, minimal tax burden, easy access to U.S. and international markets, and proximity to important military installations have attracted numerous aerospace companies to the state, and they are thriving as a result Mississippi's productive, well-trained workforce.

The state is home to some of the world's most renowned names in aerospace: GE Aviation, Airbus Helicopters, Rolls-Royce, and Lockheed Martin. In addition to our workforce, these companies rely on our comprehensive workforce training, supportive business environment, strategic location, low startup and operation costs, and cutting-edge R&D.

MDA works with our **unmanned aerial systems (UAS)** partners, both public and local, to further research and testing of UAS in the state. Companies testing in Mississippi will find a wealth of expertise in UAS research, development, and testing.

- **Camp Shelby**, a state owned military facility, is currently working with public and private customers to provide UAS testing opportunities.
- **Raspet Flight Research Laboratory** at Mississippi State University is the public sponsor for a Certificate of Authorization (COA) for flight testing of the Heron, a Stark Aerospace UAS. Raspet often locates research staff on-site to support engineering and design and flight testing of large-scale UAS.
- **Industry leaders** - Aurora Flight Sciences, Northrop Grumman Unmanned Systems, and Stark Aerospace - all manufacture UAS in Mississippi.
- Hinds Community College's **UAV Pilot Training Program** is a partnership with Pearl River Community College and the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. This program offers both academic and hands-on curriculum and is available to both active military and civilians.

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4 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 aerospace industry business incentive programs available from the state, [visit the incentives page](#).

“GE AVIATION'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IS CREATING LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH. BASED UPON THE SUCCESS AT OUR BATESVILLE OPERATION, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE GROWTH OF OUR NEW ELLISVILLE OPERATION.”

David Joyce, President & CEO
GE Aviation

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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)