



SHIPBUILDING

MISSISSIPPI offers shipbuilders access to more than 15 ports located along the Gulf Coast, the Mississippi River, and the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway. Two ports along the Coast provide deep water access to worldwide commerce, including the Port of Gulfport and the Port of Pascagoula, which is ranked in the top 20 ports in the United States for foreign cargo volume.

The state's strategic location provides an unparalleled advantage, and a large U.S. Navy presence along the Mississippi Gulf Coast is an important asset to many shipbuilders. It's easy to see why a number of shipbuilding companies have chosen to locate or expand in the state in recent years, including some of the leading names in the shipbuilding and maritime industries – Huntington Ingalls Industries, U.S. Marine Inc., VT Halter Marine Inc., Trinity Yachts, Gulf Ship, Signet Maritime, New South Marine Builders, Signal International, and Rolls Royce.

- Huntington Ingalls Inc. is the largest private employer in the state of Mississippi and has produced warships for the U.S. Navy and other government customers at the Pascagoula, Mississippi shipyard since the 1930s.
- The Mississippi Coast Foreign Trade Zone #92 is approximately 200 acres of secured sites located in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson counties.

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VT Halter Marine
Pascagoula, Mississippi

LARGEST
DESIGNER & BUILDER
OF MEDIUM-SIZED VESSELS
IN THE WORLD

ONE FULL-SERVICE REPAIR FACILITY
THREE NEW CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES
in Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI RANKS

TOP 5
STATES FOR
SHIPBUILDING

U.S. Department of Transportation
MARAD Report, 2013

70%
OF THE
NAVY'S
FLEET OF WARSHIPS
were Manufactured by
HUNTINGTON INGALLS
IN PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI RANKS

TOP 10
STATES FOR
DOING BUSINESS

Area Development Magazine, 2014

Over **33** Shipbuilding Related
MANUFACTURERS

EMPLOYING
MORE THAN
23,450
SKILLED WORKERS

Shipbuilding Success in Mississippi:



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

INGALLS SUCCESS CONTINUES BECAUSE OF THE STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, MS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AND THE STATE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE NETWORK. WORKFORCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ENABLE SHIPBUILDERS TO LEARN A LIFELONG TRADE, EARN A GOOD WAGE AND BUILD SHIPS THAT PROTECT AND DEFEND OUR NATION.

Jim McIngvale, Director
Gov't. & Community Affairs, Ingalls Shipbuilding

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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)