

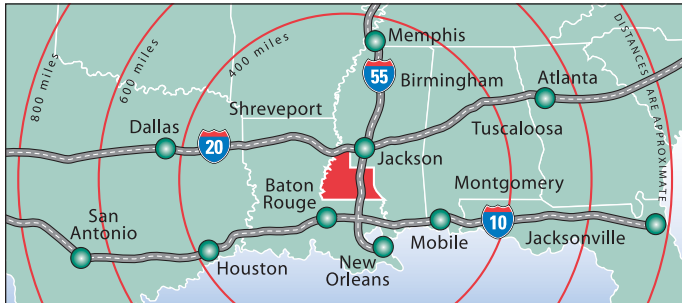


Plastics Accessibility.

Market Area

Southwest Mississippi gives you **Plastics Accessibility**. The area is in a prime regional location — within a day's

trucking (500 miles) of 36 Metropolitan Statistical Areas — which allows easy access to an enviable market area.



As evidenced by its #18 ranking among plastics employers in the U.S., Mississippi can put your business in a strategic location to serve the plastics market.

The plastics industry employs over 15,000 people in Mississippi, which ranks the state nationally as 18th in plastics employment.

Incentives

The many local and State incentives we offer are a big draw for companies seeking to locate or expand their plastics industry business in Southwest Mississippi.

Companies may qualify to receive tax abatements on the purchase of raw materials, packaging materials, construction materials, machinery, and equipment. We also offer tax credits based on payroll as well as



Infrastructure

Southwest Mississippi is especially well equipped to handle the growing needs of the plastics industry due to excellent transportation infrastructure.

Situated between Interstates 10 and 20 with Interstate 55 bisecting the ten-county region, Southwest Mississippi is also crisscrossed by three major four-lane U.S. highways.

Southwest Mississippi offers a unique shipping advantage with service at two Mississippi River ports and direct access to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of Gulfport via interstate or rail.

Southwest Mississippi can put you on a smooth road to profits.



Canadian National and Gloster Southern railroads serve many of our industrial sites.

Three general aviation airports service the region, and three international airports can be reached in less than a ninety-minute drive.

Workforce



Our people are among our best assets, and over 15,000 of them are employed in plastics. Mississippi is a right-to-work state, with less than 10% unionization amongst

plastics companies. Our labor costs are 38% lower than the national average and employers see very little annual turnover (only about 2.5%). We have a workforce of 75,000 and the unemployment rate averages 8%.

grant and loan programs and infrastructure improvement incentives.

Customized workforce training is available through university and community college campuses located throughout the region. To help you put your workforce in place, we can handle job postings, potential employee screening/testing, and on-the-job training programs.

And to expedite environmental permitting, we offer "one-stop-shopping" through the MS Department of Environmental Quality.

Our pro-business incentives make site selection simple.

Available Properties

Southwest Mississippi has properties available throughout the ten-county area ranging from 10 to 600 acres ready for you to break ground or move into an existing facility. Our available properties have easy access to transportation infrastructure and have either on-site or adjacent utilities.



To learn more about how the Southwest Mississippi Partnership can help you find the **Accessibility** you need, call or click: 1.888.528.2390 • www.southwestmississippi.com



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Resources

Plastics resources are abundantly available in the area. In addition to resin suppliers in neighboring states, one of the world's leading PET resin manufacturers, Wellman, Inc., is located in nearby Hancock County.

Two local community colleges provide specialized custom startup training, vocation and technical courses, and skill upgrade training for workers, supervisors and management.

The Mississippi Polymer Institute (MPI), headquartered at the University of Southern Mississippi's (USM) School of Polymers & High Performance Materials, assists companies in making the most effective use of polymer technologies by helping them develop new products, reduce costs, and increase productivity and revenues. Other services include:

- Technical Services & Problem Solving
- Education & Workforce Training
- Process Improvement & Optimization
- Wood Extrusion
- Prototyping
- Software Resources

USM's School of Engineering Technology provides multi-level degrees in manufacturing technology, industrial engineering technology, and mechanical engineering technology.

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Existing Plastics Industries

The ten-county region represented by the Southwest Mississippi Partnership is an excellent location for plastics companies to thrive. From our technical and supply resources to available sites and buildings, the Southwest Mississippi Partnership can help with all your site selection needs. For more information, call or click:

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- Dixie Packaging, Inc.
- LC Industries/Signature Works
- Prolon, LLC
- R&B Packaging, Inc.
- Wisconsin Film & Bag



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