



DATA CENTERS & IT

MISSISSIPPI is well equipped to play a leading role in the rapidly evolving data and information technology industry. With more than 340,000 miles of fiber optics in place and some of the lowest commercial and industrial power rates in the nation, the data and information processing industry is quickly expanding throughout the state.


In addition, as data centers are becoming increasingly more important to the sustainability of the rapidly changing technology businesses and individuals utilize every day, recent incentive legislation combined with the state's ideal business climate are strongly positioning Mississippi for further growth.

The state's 15 community colleges offer 26,403 training classes and serve more than 550 companies with customized training solutions. In addition, Mississippi is home to four major public research universities and each plays a vital role in the state's economic and workforce development. From providing cutting-edge research to training support in new industry skills, our universities are ready to work with your business to help it grow and succeed.


Mississippi State University in Starkville was recently selected by the National Security Administration as one of four new schools to be a Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Cyber Operations. MSU also has cyber security capabilities that include three dedicated research centers: the Center for Computer Security Research, the National Forensics Training Center, and the Critical Infrastructure Protection Center. MSU also holds national CAE designations in information assurance education and in information assurance research.

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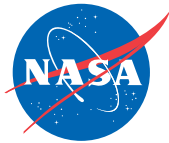
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Data Center & IT Success in Mississippi:



GENERAL DYNAMICS



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 data center and IT industry business incentive programs available from the state, visit the [incentives page](#).

LOCKHEED MARTIN IS PLEASED TO EXPAND OUR PRESENCE IN MISSISSIPPI. WE TRULY APPRECIATE THE SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION WE HAVE EXPERIENCED WORKING WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE PROFESSIONAL WORK FORCE AND FACILITY RESOURCES NEEDED TO OPEN THIS WORLD-CLASS MISSION SUPPORT OPERATION HERE.

Linda Gooden, Executive Vice President
Lockheed Martin IS&GS

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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)