



Aerospace and Defense

Develop. Build. Protect.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Aerospace Corridor, situated in the heart of the fastest-growing U.S. aerospace region, offers unique assets and a competitive edge for aviation and defense companies. Mississippi Power offers superior reliability, world-class customer service and customizable rates.

A Compelling Track Record of Success

The Mississippi Gulf Coast is home to America's premier rocket engine test complex at Stennis Space Center, which hosts NASA, other federal tenants, leading aerospace companies and R&D initiatives.

Defense companies benefit from proximity to Keesler Air Force Base, Camp Shelby and Meridian's Naval Air Station. Unmanned Aircraft Systems can take flight in Southeast Mississippi by having access to industry expertise and over 300 square miles of Federal Aviation Administration restricted airspace. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security selected South Mississippi as a location for a multi-agency unmanned aircraft demonstration range.



Competitive Advantages



A right-to-work state with a supportive business climate, incentives and expedited environmental permitting.



Excellent transportation with three federal interstate highways, numerous four-lane roads, and access to four in-state commercial airports



The region has access to three in-state Gulf Coast ports with connection to four class I rail lines.



Southeast Mississippi offers industrial sites and buildings, including Project Ready™ certified locations by Mississippi Power.

Trained & Ready Workforce

 The region has one of the greatest concentrations of avionics and aircraft maintenance personnel in the United States when compared to all mid-sized metropolitan markets.

 Southeast Mississippi community colleges offer specialized training programs for the aerospace and defense sector, including Electronics, Welding, Precision Manufacturing, Machining, Aviation Structures, Mechanical Maintenance, Instrumentation and Control Technology and Unmanned Aerial Systems.

 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College partners with Mississippi State University (MSU) for a four-year engineering degree program to benefit the local aerospace and defense sector.



Our Success Stories

