

Metal Fabrication

Shipbuilding. Automotive. Aerospace.

Southeast Mississippi is the largest shipbuilding region in the nation and home to a significant leader in the industry, Huntington Ingalls Industries. Along with the automotive industry and other key steel and component manufacturers, Southeast Mississippi is as strong as the metals it fabricates.



Competitive Advantages

- Mississippi is a right-to-work state with a supportive business climate, aggressive incentives and expedited environmental permitting.
- Southeast Mississippi offers an outstanding transportation network that includes three federal interstate highways, multiple four-lane highways 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 has a vast inventory of industrial sites and buildings, including sites that meet strict development criteria through Mississippi Power's Project Ready® certified sites program.
- Mississippi Power offers superior reliability, world-class customer service and customizable rates.

Trained and Ready Workforce

- Southeast Mississippi is home to a skilled and motivated workforce that is supported by a network of community colleges with customized training programs.
- The newly implemented Mississippi Works program is designed to meet the workforce recruitment needs of current and prospective businesses.
- Mississippi's workforce team can design a customized workforce screening and training program strategy to meet new and existing industry.
- The region's metal fabrication workforce is the backbone of Southeast Mississippi's manufacturing economy.
- Community colleges throughout the region offer welding, CNC operation, precision manufacturing and machining technology programs to enhance the skills needed for the metal fabrication industry.

Supplying the shipbuilding industry's workforce, the Maritime Academy is a \$20 million, 70,000-square-foot maritime training facility in Pascagoula dedicated to educating the workforce of the future in advanced manufacturing skills and industry-specific computer skills. This academy is an educational partnership between Huntington Ingalls Industries and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.



Impressive Performance

- Huntington Ingalls Industries is the largest supplier of U.S. Navy surface combatants and the sole builder of aircraft carriers and amphibious assault ships.
- Tower Automotive supplies the automotive industry with body-structure stamping frames and other chassis structures.
- VT Halter Marine is the largest designer and builder of articulated barges, as well as a variety of medium sized vessels.
- From prototype design to final production, Helanbak's team of expert CNC operators manufacture precision-machined parts for various industries including sawmill, water well drill pipe and firearms.

Metal Fabrication Companies in Southeast Mississippi

- Dews Foundry
- Edison Chouest
- Helanbak
- Huntington Ingalls Industries
- Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
- Laurel Machine and Foundry
- McDermott
- Rolls-Royce Naval Marine
- Tower Automotive
- VT Halter Marine



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