



# MOBILE BAY

ON THE WATER. ON THE MOVE.

## Logistics, Distribution & Transportation

### Logistics Hub of the Gulf Coast

Mobile area companies benefit greatly from the multi-modal transportation infrastructure and the commitment by local and state authorities for ongoing investment. Domestic and global leaders such as Kimberly Clark, Austal, BASF, ThyssenKrupp and many other companies are shipping throughout the U.S. and world markets within days at costs lower than many other locations.

### Labor Force

The characteristics of the population are well-suited for this industry with a balance of blue collar and highly skilled workers to supply this labor-intensive industry.

<b>Population</b>	1,262,907
<b>Labor Force</b>	584,618
<b>Average Industry Wage</b>	\$32,048
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	High School: 76.4% Some College/Grad School: 69.8%

60 mile radius of the city of Mobile

Source: 2011, Decision Data Systems

### Education and Training

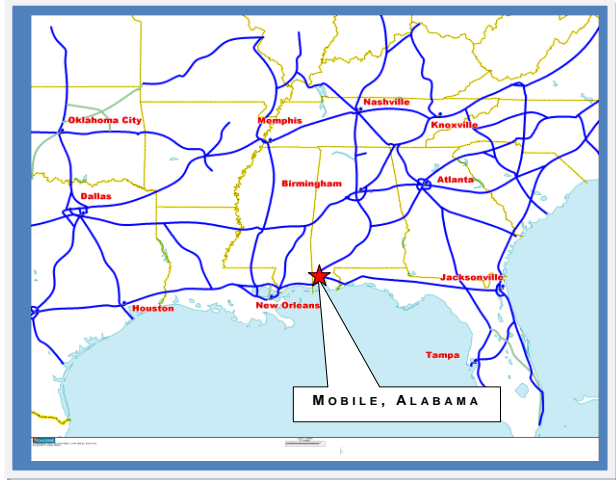
Workers are recruited from across the Gulf Coast area and trained through Alabama's Industrial Development Training Program (AIDT) one of the nation's leading training programs, or at either one of the area's technical college campuses or on-site. Area universities provide a wealth of professional staff.

The South Alabama Workforce Development Council (SAWDC), an eight county consortium of industry and education leaders, has a plan in place to grow and maintain a skilled workforce.

### Taxes and Incentives

Mobile area businesses benefit from comparatively low local and state taxes. More often than not, certain taxes impacting business are eliminated, reduced or credited by local and state incentive programs.

- No inventory tax;
- Sales and use tax abatements;
- Property tax abatements;
- Customized training;
- Low corporate income tax burden;
- Federal income tax deduction from state income tax;
- Foreign Trade Zone access.



### Transportation Infrastructure

Mobile's extensive transportation infrastructure keeps business on the move. Major rail, ship and highway systems converge along the Mobile River at the Port of Alabama to link businesses with the nation and the world.

- Interstate 10 and 65 lead to major U.S. markets;
- 5 Class I railroads;
- Mobile Regional Airport and Downtown Mobile Airport;
- Deepwater access at the Port of Mobile & connecting waterways.

Mobile and its partners continue to invest in infrastructure needed for companies to reach their customers on time. Examples include:

- 1,700 acre/6 million-square-foot Brookley Aeroplex, a center for aviation and logistics;
- 8,500 foot parallel runway at the Mobile Regional Airport; and a
- \$300 million high-tech container terminal at the Port of Mobile, a project funded through a public-private partnership;
- Intermodal facility under construction at Mobile Container Terminal (APM Terminals).

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