

Economic Developer Job Posting for Claiborne County

Claiborne County, Mississippi, is seeking an experienced and energetic economic development professional for implementing the County's recently completed economic development strategic plan, titled *Claiborne Works*, a copy of which can be downloaded from www.portgibsononthemississippi.com. The County is flexible and may consider a part-time or a consulting/contractor relationship.

Claiborne County rests on the banks of the Mississippi River and is located approximately 60 miles southwest of Jackson, Mississippi. Local economic development and tourism assets include: Entergy's Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Alcorn State University, historic downtown Port Gibson, and the Natchez Trace.

The selected candidate will embrace the challenge of assisting the County in establishing an economic development program. The individual should be a creative and flexible leader who exhibits a global view of economic development, while also being able to focus on individual aspects of the new program. This individual must be able to work well with a wide variety of individuals and groups.

Responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Implementing Claiborne County's recently completed economic development strategic plan including developing the organizational structure for the new entity and oversight of the strategies, plans, and activities;
- Strengthening relationships with existing businesses and regional economic development allies;
- Seeking funding opportunities to support local economic development activities (e.g. grant writing and fundraising);
- Building and maintaining databases of existing businesses and preferred business sites;
- Marketing Claiborne County as an attractive location for potential prospects and investment.

Minimum Qualifications:

Graduation from a four-year university with a degree in urban planning, business or public administration, economics, marketing, finance, or a related field. Professional certifications such as CEcD, or other related economic development coursework and five years of related experience are preferred. A Master's degree in a closely related field may substitute for 2 years of the required experience.

Resumes or qualifications with compensation requirements should be submitted to Claiborne Works Search Committee, Post Office Box 689, Port Gibson, Mississippi 39150 no later than February 24, 2010. Any questions should be directed to Mr. James Johnston, County Administrator, at (601) 437-5216 or jamesjohnston@ccmsgov.us.

Claiborne County reserves the right not to fill this position with any of the candidates submitting qualifications. This position may be withdrawn at any time without liability or responsibility for any damages or expenses incurred by the respondent.

Claiborne County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.