

**President,
Economic Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce
Jones County, Mississippi**

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) of Jones County is seeking a professional economic developer for the position of President of EDA and the Jones County Chamber of Commerce. The EDA of Jones County is a unit of local government, but is governed by a 22-person volunteer Board of Directors. A 10-person Executive Committee includes the four officers and six other people elected by the full Board.

The Jones County Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)6 organization chartered as the Economic Development Support Group and shares office space, funding, staff and officers with the EDA. The EDA/Chamber staff is comprised of five full-time administrative/project employees and one full-time industrial park maintenance employee.

There is also an EDA Advisory Committee which meets monthly with the Board of Directors and is comprised of financial institution CEOs, utility managers, school superintendents and other business leaders. The Board of Supervisors and four mayors are invited to attend each Board meeting.

The EDA was created by an Act of the Mississippi Legislature in 1983, and by its charter is the organization responsible for the economic development in the county and its four municipalities.

Both EDA and the Chamber serve the entire county and its four municipalities, Laurel, Ellisville, Sandersville and Soso. Jones County's population is approximately 68,500, while Laurel's is 18,700, Ellisville's is 5,000, Sandersville and Soso are each about 500.

Jones County is the 10th largest population county of Mississippi's 82 counties and is in the top three industrialized counties in the state and is one of the most densely populated per square mile in the state. The county's major economic sectors include oil drilling and service, poultry processing, metal-working, electricity/electronics manufacturing, composite parts for jet engines, wood products, health care and agriculture. Three notable industries include Sanderson Farms, the nation's third largest integrated poultry processor; Howard Industries, the world's largest manufacturer of electric distribution transformers; and Masonite, founded here and still producing hardboard and door skins.

For additional information on EDA and Jones County visit www.jonescounty.com, www.jonescountyms.com, www.laurelms.com, the Economic Development Authority of Jones County Facebook page or the Jones County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

To apply for the full-time position of President, or request a complete packet of information about the job (job overview, application process and other information), email Mitch Stennett at mitchs@edajones.com.

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