



Economic Development Intern Opportunity – Summer 2015

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Rate of Pay: Depends on experience
Hours: Hours per week are negotiable
Reports to: Business Development Director
Contact: Please submit a cover letter and resume to Susie Veglia, HR Director at sveglia@hcphc.ms
Location: New commission administrative office at Stennis International Airport to be completed in the spring of 2015.

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission is seeking an economic development intern for the summer 2015. This candidate will report to the Business Development Director but will assist all Commission staff in research and other economic development activities. Responsibilities will include research, writing, database management, mapping, marketing, and other tasks as designated. The candidate will receive firsthand experience with practitioner-based economic development in Hancock County.

Summary of essential job functions

Some essential duties of the economic development intern include, but are not limited to:

- Project research
- Industry, company, and data research
- Data analysis
- Lead generation
- Marketing
- Building and site identification, database management
- RFP/RFI assistance
- Project management assistance
- Website and social media updates
- All other duties as requested by management

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree required.

COMMISSION SUMMARY:

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission (HCPHC) is a political subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi, and is the economic development authority for the county. HCPHC consists



of eight appointed board members and 36 employees. HCPHC owns and operates Port Bienville Industrial Park, a 3,600-acre industrial park and shallow draft port with an 8-mile short line railroad, 5 miles of storage track, and a utility district serving 18 partner industries. It also owns and operates Stennis International Airport, a 1,700 acre airport and airpark with 1,100 acres located within the Stennis Space Center Buffer Zone, an 8,500' grooved and lighted runway with control tower, and has 13 partner industries. HCPHC owns, manages and leases buildings and other assets to industries within the two sites. HCPHC partners with NASA-Stennis Space Center, a federal and commercial installation with over 5,000 civil servants, contractors, scientists and engineers, for industrial development of their sites within the Stennis fee area in Hancock County. The Commission's transportation and property management revenues generate sufficient income to self-fund all operations, economic development efforts, debt service payments, and some capital projects. Among Hancock County's target markets are aerospace and defense, energy, advanced materials manufacturing, and cargo and logistics. Its secondary markets are in tourism and healthcare.

The economic development department works closely with directors over operations at the port and airport to assure a healthy business retention and expansion program and preparedness for hosting prospective companies to our sites. Rebranding and a new website are currently in the works, which will incorporate a search tool and GIS capability on all industrial and large scale commercial properties available in Hancock County. www.hcphc.ms

OTHER INFORMATION:

For information on living in Hancock County, please visit the <http://hancockmsmyhome.com/> website and visit the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.hancockchamber.org/> for other community information.