

West-Central Mississippi Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment
91	West-Central Mississippi	MS0006	173,937	4,422	42%	14%

The West-Central Mississippi Renewal Community is an unprecedented collaboration of 44 government entities for the benefit of almost 200,000 residents.

The West-Central Mississippi Course of Action chooses the following goals and actions:

Reduce Tax Burden

The State of Mississippi has already enacted tax relief that includes sales tax exemptions, favorable individual and corporate income tax rates, property tax exemption, tax credits for job creation, child care, job training and bond financing.

Improving Local Services

West-Central Mississippi plans increased and more efficient services for residents funded through TANF and other Federal programs that include job support, child care, rental assistance, mental health services, small business loans, employment training, transportation services and other services. Mississippi offered Nissan a \$295 million incentive package to locate in the RC.

Reducing Crime

Within the past eight years, each of the entities within the RC have been involved with anti-drug operations and tobacco law enforcement.

Involving Community Partners in Economic Development

Economic development in the RC will involve one-stop career centers, programs to low-income parents and job training. Over 200 partners include the following:

All God's Children Day Care
Attala Industrial Development Corporation
Claiborne County Community Action Agency
Hazlehurst NAACP
Historic Natchez Foundation
Leake County Industrial Development Association
Delta Regional Minority Business Association
Families First Resource Center
North Central Mississippi Planning and Development District
United Way of Washington County
Yazoo County Chamber of Commerce
The Delta Center