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Companies finding success in Arkansas:

NUCOR · SSP Southwest Steel Processing LLC · WELSPUN Dare to Commit · GERDAU · LEXICON Defining Excellence · BRS BIG RIVER STEEL

Workforce

2nd highest percentage of manufacturing employment in the South. - *NAM*

1.3M skilled & trained workforce.

40% The steel industry in Arkansas has grown 40% since 2009.

5500 Arkansans are employed in the primary steel industry and that number is expected to increase over the coming years.

Education

46 colleges, universities & 2-year colleges throughout Arkansas. Approximately half of Arkansans have a college degree or some college.

7 ABET accredited post secondary engineering programs.

ANC Arkansas Northeastern College offers an Associate's of Applied Science in Steel Industry Technology, designed for students who wish to pursue careers in the steel industry or manufacturing processes.

Unique Attributes

NUE Arkansas' largest recyclers are Nucor and Nucor-Yamato Steel, both located in Mississippi County.

BRS Big River Steel is currently constructing the world's first flat-rolled flex mill.™

Competitive Advantages

Navigable Waterways
1,000 miles

Class 1 Railroad
1,683 miles

State and U.S. Highways
16,418 miles

Public Airports
Approximately 100

Competitive Incentives
including cash and grant assistance for qualified projects.

Mississippi County in northeast Arkansas is the 2nd largest primary steel producing county in America.

Recent Investments

2015, Southwest Steel Processing: $18M expansion at their Newport facility creating 100 new jobs

2015, Nucor-Yamato Steel Company: $125M expansion at their Mississippi County facility

2015, Nucor Steel-Arkansas: Approximately $35M expansion at their Mississippi County facility

2014, Big River Steel: $1.1B investment in a new steel mill in Mississippi County that will directly employ more than 500