

## Membership Investment Application

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Web Page \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business:

- Manufacturing       Retail  
 Financial           Wholesale  
 Insurance           Utility  
 Lodging             Retired  
 Non-Profit         Individual  
 Professional\*    Restaurant

\*(Accountant, Architect, Attorney, Doctor, Engineer, etc.)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Bill me for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card payment for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact by \_\_\_\_\_ phone or \_\_\_\_\_ email to obtain credit card processing information for membership dues.  
(Visa, Mastercard, American Express & Discover)

**Mail to:**

EDA of Jones County  
P.O. Box 527  
Laurel, MS 39441

**Fax to:**

601-428-3646

## Benefits of Your EDA Membership Investment

Voting rights to elect Support Group members to the EDA Board of Directors at the Annual Support Group and All Civic Awards Program.

Leadership development training through participation in Leadership Jones County, Future Leaders of Jones County or C.L.A.S.S. (Continuing Leadership As Supportive Seniors).

Free demographics and statistics for business projections and planning along with business counseling and government procurement referrals.

Planning and implementation assistance with ribbon-cuttings or ground breaking ceremonies for new, expanded or relocated businesses.

Invitation to the EDA's Annual Banquet and "Business After Hours" boosting new business contacts, networking and exposure experience.

Alphabetical listing in the Membership Directory, an important guide to new residents and business people in our community seeking information about area businesses.

Opportunity to be included in the on-line membership directory on EDA's web page and to be added to our e-newsletter distribution group.

Recognition as a new member on the Jones County Chamber of Commerce facebook page and twitter.

Build your business  
by building your community...

**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

## Economic Development Authority of Jones County & Chamber of Commerce

### Membership Investment Portfolio



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Laurel, Ellisville, Sandersville, Soso

**EDA of Jones County and  
Jones County Chamber of Commerce**

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Web Page: [www.jonescounty.com](http://www.jonescounty.com)  
[www.edajones.com](http://www.edajones.com)

About The  
**Economic Development Authority  
of Jones County**

History

The EDA of Jones County, founded in 1983, is a public-private partnership utilizing local government funding and private-sector income to maximize available resources toward its mission of enhancing the quality of life for all the citizens of Jones County through job creation and the creation of wealth.

Economic & Community Development

Two major divisions work full-time to accomplish the mission. The EDA works constantly in the economic development division while the Chamber of Commerce works mainly in the community development division.

Board of Directors, Advisory Committee and Staff

The EDA/Chamber is governed by a twenty-two person Board of Directors. Fourteen Board members are appointed by local governments and the remaining eight are elected from the private-sector membership investors. Twenty people serve on the EDA Advisory Committee and meet monthly with the Board on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The full-time EDA staff is composed of six people, with distinct responsibilities, each with unique expertise and experience.

Programs & Activities of the EDA & Chamber of Commerce

- + EDA Annual Banquet
- + Annual Support Group Meeting
- + Leadership Jones County
- + Future Leaders of Jones County
- + C.L.A.S.S.
- + Business After Hours
- + Small Business Counseling
- + Financial Assistance Liaison
- + Business & Industry Golf Scramble
- + Great American Clean-up
- + Business Seminars
- + Ribbon-Cuttings
- + Grand Opening Coordination
- + All Civic Awards
- + Infrastructure Grant Assistance
- + Coordination With Local Governments
- + Marketing & Promotion
- + Tourism Coordination
- + Government Procurement Liaison

**More About Your EDA and Chamber**

**Networking Opportunities:** Members and their guests receive opportunities to interact with colleagues at Business After Hours, annual meetings, committee involvement and other functions.

**Membership Plaque:** The EDA/Chamber membership plaque is a sign of good business. It is visible aspect of your commitment to our community's future.

**Publicity:** The EDA/Chamber assists and coordinates publicity events for member businesses holding grand openings, ground breaking activities, etc.

**Timely Information & Publications:** Current community demographics; cost of living index; state, city and county maps; industrial directories, civic club lists; shopping & dining opportunities; and tourist and newcomer information is periodically maintained.

**Community Promotion:** The EDA/Chamber promotes the Jones County area locally, state-wide, nationally, and even internationally.

**Full-Time Staff:** As a member you are served by a professional and competent full-time staff who is willing to be of assistance when called upon.

**Site and Building Inventory:** This listing of available properties allows the EDA to market Jones County to prospects in a timely and confidential manner.

**Industrial Parks:** Seven Industrial Parks, including the 504 acre Howard Technology Park, are maintained and/or promoted by the EDA.



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**Membership Categories & Averages**

*A minimum investment of:*  
\$250 for a business/individual  
\$200 for a non-profit agency  
\$200 for an individual  
\$150 for a retired individual

**Business Type  
Average Investments**

Agricultural.....	\$ 265.00
Automotive.....	300.00
Construction.....	400.00
Credit/Loan.....	275.00
Financial Institutions.....	3,000.00
Individuals.....	200.00
Insurance.....	300.00
Lodging & Dining.....	300.00
Manufacturing.....	1,650.00
Media, Advertising.....	275.00
Medical ( <i>excluding professionals</i> )..	375.00
Non-Profit.....	200.00
Office Supply.....	250.00
Oil Service.....	300.00
Professional Offices.....	250.00
* <i>Plus \$100 each additional professional</i>	
Real Estate.....	260.00
Restaurant.....	275.00
Retail.....	275.00
Retired Individuals.....	150.00
Transportation.....	375.00
Utilities.....	1,775.00

*If you have additional questions about classification and dues, please contact the EDA office for assistance.*

Your annual membership investment in the EDA/Chamber is recognized by the IRS as tax deductible for normal and routine business expense.  
**Your support to the growth and development of Jones County is greatly appreciated!**