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On behalf of the staff, research fellows, and students of The John C. Stennis Institute of Government and Community Development at Mississippi State University, I would like to present to you our latest installment of the Mississippi Municipal Salary and Benefits Survey, a collaborative effort between the Stennis Institute and the Mississippi Municipal League.

Based at our state's land grant university, the Stennis Institute is often referred to as Mississippi's think tank, but the Stennis Institute is much more. We are frequently called upon to provide technical assistance and consultation to state officials, local governments and community leaders regarding political, governmental, and economic/community development matters. Our mission is to enhance the capacities of state and local officials to deal effectively with today's challenges regarding many issues. The Stennis Institute delivers a wide array of services and technical assistance to municipalities, counties, and government agencies, responding to the ever-changing political and economic environment.

The Stennis Institute performs a threefold mission: (1) to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Mississippi state and local governments through basic and applied research, training, technical assistance, and service; (2) to provide technical assistance and research for both rural development in Mississippi and regional activities in the Southeast; and (3) to promote civic education and citizen involvement in the political process.

I hope you benefit from the extensive efforts of the Institute's staff in your time studying this installment of the Mississippi Municipal Salary and Benefits Survey. Should you have any questions regarding the information contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact the Stennis Institute at 662-325-3328. Thank you for taking an interest in this work and for all you do to make a better Mississippi.



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