

## Golden Triangle Regional Round-Up Results

**1.) How important is the overall approach of the “Keep Mississippi Working Fund” Workforce legislation? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Important	88.89%	120
Somewhat Important	8.15%	11
Not So Important	2.22%	3
Not at All Important	0.74%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>135</b>

**2.) What do you see as the best way to strengthen Economic Competitiveness in your Region? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Improve Regional Partnerships	15.50%	20
Improve Business Climate	16.28%	21
Improve Workforce	64.34%	83
Improving access to Healthcare	3.88%	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>129</b>

**3.) As a region, how do you view your economic competitiveness? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Very Competitive	53.03%	70
Somewhat Competitive	43.94%	58
Not so Competitive	2.27%	3
Not at all Competitive	0.76%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>132</b>

**4.) What do you consider the biggest roadblock for economic competitiveness? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Foreign Competition	3.79%	5
Lack of Skilled Workforce	40.91%	54
Negative Perception of State’s Image	42.42%	56
Tax Climate	0.76%	1
Transportation Infrastructure	11.36%	15
Lack of Technology	0.76%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>132</b>

**5.) What is the single most important thing for putting Mississippi in the Place of Greatest Opportunity? (multiple choice)**

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Economic Incentives	12.60%	16
Education	45.67%	58

Healthcare	0.79%	1
Targeted Industry Recruitment	15.75%	20
Transportation	2.36%	3
Workforce Development	22.83%	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>127</b>

**6.) How important is the career & technical curriculum for high school students? (multiple choice)**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Very Important	88.50%	100
Somewhat Important	9.73%	11
Not so Important	0.88%	1
Not at all Important	0.88%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>113</b>

**7.) What is the single most important factor for improving education in Mississippi? (multiple choice)**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Better Teacher Training	19.49%	23
Enhancing Early Childhood Education	36.44%	43
Improving Dropout Rate	16.95%	20
Increasing Funding	8.47%	10
Strengthening the Curriculum	18.64%	22
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>118</b>

**8.) Which area should be the top infrastructure priority? (multiple choice)**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Airports	11.02%	14
Highways and Bridges	80.31%	102
Intermodal Transportation	1.57%	2
Ports and Waterways	3.94%	5
Railroads	3.15%	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>127</b>

**9.) Which Area of Highway Transportation Do You Believe is Most Important? (multiple choice)**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Bridge Replacement or Repair	17.46%	22
Expansion/Widening of Existing Roadways	23.02%	29
Maintenance of Existing Roadways	48.41%	61
New Construction of Roadways	11.11%	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>126</b>

**10.) Where do you see the greatest opportunity for economic growth in your REGION? (multiple choice)**

Advanced Manufacturing  
Healthcare  
Natural Resources (Forestry/Energy/Agri-Biz)  
Retail and Service  
Start-up Companies  
Tourism

<b>Responses</b>	
<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
70.97%	88
4.84%	6
8.06%	10
5.65%	7
7.26%	9
3.23%	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>124</b>