



Orion Gold Sponsor Three Years

Jackson County Industrial Suppliers Trade Show

The Jackson County Industrial Trade Show is the premier industrial business-to-business trade show in Jackson County.

"The Industrial Trade Show is an ideal venue for suppliers and buyers to interact, showcase their goods and keep the economy strong by doing business locally," said event Co-chairman Trudi Dixon. "It's also an opportunity for local business to make six months' worth of business contacts in a day." The Trade Show has grown from 50 booths in 1989 to nearly 100 exhibitors and more than 3,000 attendees. Those 100 exhibitors come from all over Louisiana, Alabama and the Mississippi Gulf Coast region. It provides vendors and industrial businesses an ideal venue to showcase new products and product applications and to network and develop strong, long term working relationships. The show is a key Jackson County Chamber of Commerce membership benefit and growth tool. It is also an important opportunity for key anchor businesses in the community to demonstrate their leadership, support and commitment to the Jackson County business community. The Trade Show provides needed funding for the Chamber's critical Program of Work which helps to strengthen the local business community.

For the past 3 years Orion Engineering has been a Gold level sponsor for this event. "Participating at the Gold level is proof positive of how important this single event is for the Jackson County business community", commented Charles Busby, President and CEO of Orion. Orion not only sponsors this event along with other Gold level sponsors such as Chevron Pascagoula Refinery and Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding; but they also provide committee members such as Rogena Mitchell, Marketing Coordinator at Orion to help with logistics for this huge event. "I know how much impact this event has for the

industrial suppliers of Jackson County," said Rogena. "This is a great place for the small business community to have full access to large industrial companies," she also added.

This year the tradeshow celebrated its 26th year and the committee is looking forward to bigger and better next year. Orion Engineering looks to participate again in the coming years and as the trade show grows, so does the economy of Jackson County and the surrounding areas.

