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Business Climate

The Shoals area is characterized by a can-do attitude among local leaders in industry, business, and government, which has led to a business climate where companies can be successful.

We are proud of the wide range of existing industry that calls The Shoals home. From small manufacturers to larger industries, The Shoals community works hard to meet the needs of its local companies.

The favorable tax environment, reliable energy, available local training resources, competitive wage rates, and a skilled local workforce enable a company to operate profitably in Northwest Alabama.

But, don't take our word for it; see what executives of several major companies said regarding their decision to locate or expand in The Shoals:

"I think this will become a model of how a corporation and community partnership can work at its finest. There has been a great amount of cohesiveness in the entire community, which was essential." Ron Thiry, Director of Mfg, SCA Tissue



"When we come to a community we come to stay. It took so long for us to make a decision because we wanted to find a place where the people espoused our beliefs, and I think we found that in the Shoals." Bob Zimmerman, President, WHI



"We're very pleased with this community and our work force here. There's no such thing as unskilled labor here. Our people do a very good job and it's a tough job. You've got to have good people to be successful, and we have that here." Mike Buckreus, Plant Manager, Sara Lee Foods

