

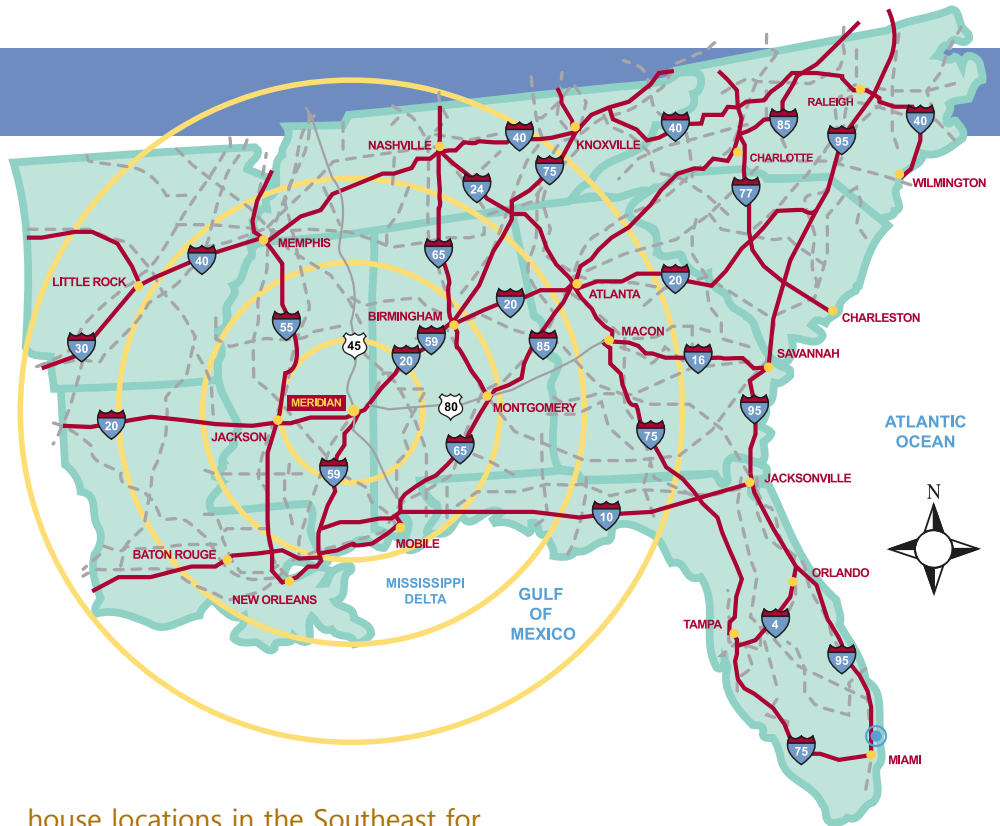
# LOGISTICS

Maintaining your competitive position in the market is difficult enough without considering the ebb and flow of lead times. Managing supply chains has become more science than art and transportation costs are the drivers over warehouse costs.

Welcome to Meridian, where we understand supply chains and have the location and proximity to give you the advantage you need to meet corporate expected returns.

With a network of 2 Interstates and interstate quality US highways combined with rail service from NS and KCS (plus two short lines), Meridian and East Mississippi has the infrastructure to match its location.

For five years running Meridian has been selected by Chicago Consulting as one of the premier ware-



house locations in the Southeast for their annual warehouse optimization study.

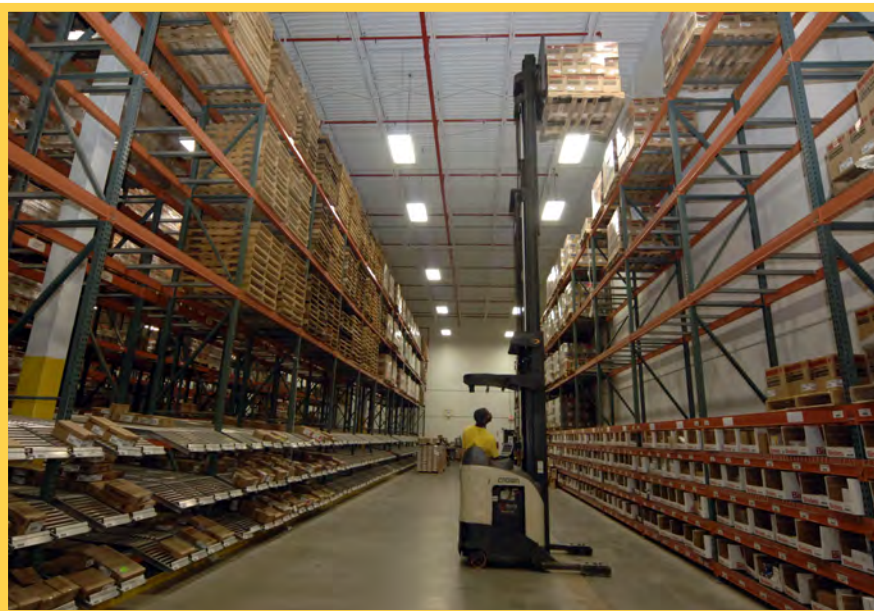
With a new \$26 million interchange and connecting roads scheduled to open in 4Q 2010 Meridian's newest industrial park will have ex-

pected access to Interstates 20/59 and US Hwy 45.

Industrial property is available in the industrial park which is the newest home for Houston based Handy Hardware's 466,000 square foot DC opening in November 2010.

Complimenting the new and existing distribution related companies in East Mississippi is the industry driven educational offerings at Meridian Community College's Distribution Training Center which provides pre and post employment training opportunities.

Meridian and East Mississippi is ready to support your competitive positioning. We have the location and amenities that mitigate your risks as well as the proximity to key ports and markets for inbound and outbound shipments. We look forward to helping you succeed.



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