

Mobile, Alabama Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment	Low-Income Households
64	Mobile, AL	AL0007	39,402	11	52%	22%	76%

During the past several years, local Alabama governments have been involved in numerous activities designed to encourage business development and improve self-sufficiency for area residents, including those within the RC. The programs include Workforce Development, Welfare to Work, Housing Assistance, Child Care, Education and Training, and Transportation. Key partners in these local government programs include, but are not limited to, the following agencies and organizations:

- Alabama Department of Human Services
- Bishop State Community College
- Universities of Mobile and South Alabama
- Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
- Mobile County Health Department
- Prichard Housing Authority
- Business Innovation Center

The Mobile RC Course of Action focuses on the following strategies:

- Reducing tax burdens. The Industrial Development Boards and the Cities of Mobile and Prichard and the Industrial Development Authority of Mobile County have reduced tax burdens to industries locating in the area designated as the RC.
- Improving local services. The Mobile County Board of Education recently built three new schools within the RC area. The Mobile Area Water and Sewer Board have been working on reducing the inflow of storm water into the sanitary sewer system. Free hook-ups will be provided for low and moderate-income households. The Mobile County Commission through its Pay-as-you-go Road Paving program has paved several miles of streets in the RC to upgrade transportation facilities. The Business Innovation Center-an incubator program that attempts to assist new entrepreneurs in business development, as well as the Business Development Center at the University of South Alabama, have been and continue to be available to businesses in the RC.
- Reducing crime. The RC contains most if not all of Mobile's public housing. The City of Mobile, in cooperation with the Mobile Housing Board, has for several years beefed up police protection in the Public Housing Complexes.
- Involving community partners. Mobile Works, Envision Mobile, Mobile United, and the Prichard Chamber of Commerce are community-wide efforts seeking solutions and taking actions with partners on a variety of issues affecting individuals and businesses.