

Jackson County Chamber Spotlight: Project Management Solutions Group offers full-service consulting



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Interview with Mike Ward, president and CEO of Project Management Solutions Group

Why did you go into business?

I went into business because it was suggested that there was greater benefit in me being a business owner than an employee. I was interviewing for positions with various companies, and I was informed more than once that I was overqualified for the positions for which I was applying. As a service-disabled veteran, I was encouraged to begin a company, and it became one of the best decisions of my life. Project Management Solutions Group (PMSG) is now a certified minority business enterprise, and we are also certified as a service disabled veteran-owned business.

What do you offer your customers?

Project Management Solutions Group is a full-service management consulting company that specializes in project management, utilizing a team of United States military veterans and industry experts. Our core areas of specialty and proven experience include construction, information technology, health care, telecommunications, supply chain management business operations and real estate development.

What are your hours of operation?

Our hours of operation are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Why did you choose Jackson County?

We have chosen Jackson County because we now have a strong client base here, and we are optimistic about the opportunity for additional growth along the Gulf Coast. We have been working with clients in Mississippi for approximately three years, and this year we executed a three year contract with Ingalls Shipbuilding, of Pascagoula, to provide staffing and resource management services. Our company is the first African American-owned company to ever be awarded a major Tier 1 contract by Ingalls Shipbuilding. It is critically important for us to become involved with the business community and the residents of the area. We have decided to establish a presence and operational headquarters here on the Gulf Coast, and Jackson County is a major component of that decision.

VITAL STATISTICS

When did you open?

PMSG was established in St. Louis in 2005.

Who are the owners?

Mike Ward is the founder, as well as the president and CEO of Project Management Solutions Group, LLC.

First job ever?

My first job was as a sales clerk for Ralston Purina, which is now Nestle Purina.

Best advice ever received?

Work hard to achieve your goals.

Best advice to other Jackson County businesses?

Expand your horizons, just as we have done from Missouri to Mississippi. Don't be satisfied with where you are; be satisfied with where you're going.

Total employees?

We have approximately 80 employees.

How to contact?

Project Management Solutions Group (PMSG) is located at 1126 Jackson Ave. #203 in Pascagoula. We also have locations in St. Louis; Biloxi; Jackson; and Mobile. We can be reached by phone at 228-207-1382 or 251-545-4250 for our Mobile number. We can be reached by email at info@pmsg.us. Our website address is www.pmsg.us [<http://www.pmsg.us>].

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