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State unveils Film Studio plans

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CANTON — A new film studio, complete with sound stage and production office space, will be built in Canton to encourage movie production in the state.

State officials say the 39,000-square-foot facility, called The Mississippi Film Studios at Canton, could employ up to 250 workers when film production is underway.

Executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority Gray Swoope says the studio will help build infrastructure for the state's growing film industry and attract new production.

The facility will be located in an existing building on 5.8-acres with 25 acres available for future expansion. Renovations will begin in early April and should be completed by mid-May. The studio will be managed by Los Angeles-based RoadTown Enterprises.