



# JOSHUA (JOSH) THORNTON

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## Jobs Agent for Communities

**“Ultimately, my job is serving others. Through the work we do at TVA, in conjunction with our partners, we are able to provide employment opportunities for those who may not otherwise have had those opportunities. Our efforts help create good jobs that allow people to support their families and uplift their communities.”**

Josh’s current responsibilities in his role as a TVA Economic Development (ED) regional consultant for West Tennessee include:

- Building strong relationships with local power companies, regional, state and community economic development partners
- Attracting new companies to the regional development specialists
- Engaging with existing businesses and industries to facilitate growth
- Providing financial, technical and other business development resources
- Implementing community-preparedness and retail-development programs
- Coordinating marketing and business-development efforts

Previously, Josh has held vice president of economic development positions with Area Development Partnership in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance in Baldwin County, Alabama. He has also served as an economic development director and project manager. In these roles, Thornton handled day-to-day economic development activities ranging from recruiting retail and industrial clients, facilitating prospect meetings with state and local stakeholders, preparing marketing materials, setting up site and building tours, and preparing state and local incentive packages.

Thornton lives in Collierville, Tennessee, with his wife Marylea and children Joshua and Lydia. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi.

## Economic Development Team Achievements

Site Selection Named TVA One of Top Utilities for ED Nine Years in a Row

Nashville Business Journal Named TVA ED One of Nashville’s Best Places to Work

## Personal Achievements

Industrial Recruiter for 100 Projects in Career

## Five Fast Facts

1. Attended a Super Bowl game
2. Traveled Spain’s eastern seaboard
3. Lived in three different states in a nine-month period
4. Hunted mule deer and antelope in Wyoming
5. Played golf in seven different states