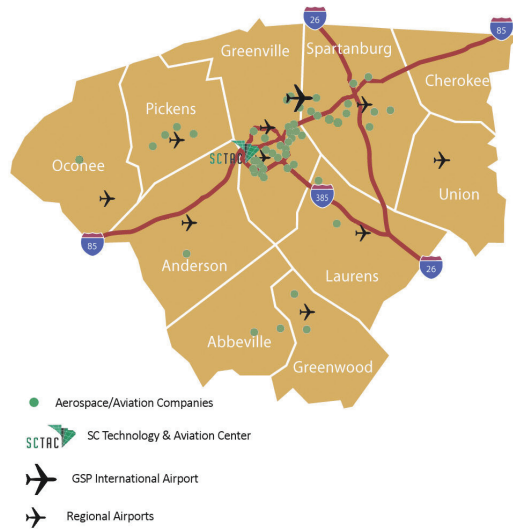


FLYING FORWARD IN UPSTATE SC

Aviation and aerospace companies are soaring to success in Upstate South Carolina. Attracted by our strengths in materials research and manufacturing, engineering and workforce training, companies such as GE Aviation, Lockheed Martin, Michelin, Cytec and Champion Aerospace proudly call the Upstate home. And with our proximity to major OEMs, such as the Boeing facility in Charleston and Gulfstream in Savannah, the Upstate is a strategic location for subcontractors and suppliers to Prime parts manufacturers.

About Upstate South Carolina

Located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina, the Upstate connects two of the largest cities in the Southeastern United States: Charlotte and Atlanta. The Upstate is home to some of the world's most forward thinking companies, including world leaders in the development and application of cutting-edge technologies in a multitude of industries, and provide an unmatched quality of life to its 1.37 million residents.



Of the over 160 aviation and aerospace-related companies in South Carolina, more than 50 are located in the Upstate. These companies include:

- GE Aviation – high-pressure turbine-blade manufacturing facility
- Parker Hannifin TechSeal Division – headquarters and gasket & seal manufacturing
- Lockheed Martin – commercial and military aircraft maintenance and modification
- Michelin Tire – aircraft tires
- Cytec – carbon fibers and aircraft components
- Champion Aerospace – aerospace ignition systems and airframe components

In addition, the Upstate is home to a diverse presence of advanced manufacturers, including a growing cluster of automotive and advanced materials companies which represent multiple tiers of the manufacturing process. Many of these companies provide contract services that can be applied in subcontractor and supply roles for the aerospace industry. Established supply chains for raw materials and products also provide excellent opportunities to the aerospace industry.

Airports

Greenville-Spartanburg International

In addition to moving passengers and cargo to and from the Upstate region, GSP is positioning itself to be a valuable asset to the manufacturing sector as well. Leaders at GSP are currently constructing Commercial Development Systems to meet the needs of aircraft-related companies looking to locate at the facility.

The Upstate also benefits from having numerous general aviation facilities:

- Anderson Regional Airport
- SC-TAC/Donaldson Center Airport
- Greenville Downtown Airport
- Greenwood County Airport
- Laurens County Airport
- Oconee County Regional Airport
- Pickens County Airport
- Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport
- Union County Airport



South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center (SC-TAC)



SC-TAC is Upstate South Carolina's premier air and industrial park. This unique park encompasses 2,600 acres, combining manufacturing, distribution and aviation facilities in one location with strategic access to air and interstate as well as two rail systems.

SC-TAC houses a major aircraft maintenance and modification center with an 8,000-foot by 150-foot concrete primary runway that's well suited to the aviation industry.

Current tenants include aerospace firm Lockheed Martin and companies with materials and components synergies, such as Michelin, Cytex, 3M and IBM.

Workforce

CNBC ranks the South Carolina workforce as the 5th best in the nation, based on quality and availability of workers and workforce training. This comes as no surprise as the 10-county Upstate encompasses a population of more than 1.37 million and has grown at a rate of 10% since 2000. South Carolina is also a right-to-work state and has one of the lowest unionization rates in the nation.



Technical Education

Upstate South Carolina is home to four technical colleges focused on serving the needs of local business and industry. The technical college system works hand-in-hand with its affiliate programs: readySC™ Apprenticeship Carolina™ and QuickJobs Carolina™ so companies located in the area can take full advantage of an extensive education and training network.

The technical college system in the Upstate offers multiple aerospace related degrees and certificates, including an Associate's in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Certificate in Aviation Powerplant Theory/Systems, Certificate in Aviation Airframe Structure & Systems and a Certificate in Aviation Fundamentals. These programs could be easily expanded to meet the needs of new manufacturers.

Specialty Training

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University –

In a partnership with Greenville Tech, Embry-Riddle allows our workforce to access expanded educational opportunities in the aviation field, including Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's degrees in such fields as Technical Management, Aviation Maintenance and Professional Aeronautics.

Carolina Aeronautical Testing & Certification Center –

Specializing in the FAA Mechanic & Inspection Authorization, the center also provides high quality, vocationally-focused programs in the fields of Aeronautical Maintenance, Electrical, Communications and Navigations.

readySC™

For almost 50 years, readySC™ has been recognized as one of the nation's premier and most-experienced workforce training programs. Operated through the SC Technical College System, readySC™ provides customized workforce training at little or no cost for companies located in the area. Since 1961, readySC™ has served more than 250,000 trainees from 2,000 companies, including GE Aviation, BMW, Michelin and Boeing.



Explore why aerospace-related
business moves in
Upstate South Carolina.