



UpstateAlliance

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Right Climate For Global Business.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT

Infrastructure

International Support

International Education



An International Beacon

Home to more than 245 international companies representing 24 countries, Upstate South Carolina provides an exceptional business climate for 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 such as automotive, healthcare and advanced materials.

Located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina, Upstate SC is not only strategically positioned between two of the largest cities in the Southeastern United States - Charlotte and Atlanta - but it also provides an unmatched quality of life to its 1.3 million residents. With excellent schools, diverse dining options and a multitude of cultural and recreational opportunities, it's easy to see why people are blown away by Upstate South Carolina.



SELECT COMPANIES:

Adidas, BMW Manufacturing, Fraenkische, Fujifilm, Lear Corporation, Michelin, Nestle, Robert Bosch Corp, Siemens, Technics

Infrastructure – An Upstate SC Advantage

By Sea

- Less than 4 hour drive to the Port of Charleston
- Most productive East Coast port – handled 1.88 million TEUs in 2007
- Recipient of the Presidential "E" and "E-Star" awards
- Ranked 1st in customer satisfaction
- Serves more than 150 nations by 50 different steamship companies
- Plans in 2009 call for \$160 million in enhancements and equipment for new and existing facilities

By Land

- Each county is served by at least one cargo/freight line
- 2 Major interstates – I-85 and I-26
- 4th Largest state-maintained highway system in the nation
- Class I commercial rail service provided by Norfolk-Southern and CSX

By Air

- Largest airport in South Carolina
- 77 Non-stop daily departures to 19 major cities daily
- Two Federal Inspection Stations
- 11,001 Foot runway capable of accommodating any aircraft currently in operation
- Home to 12,000 sq ft FedEx facility capable of sorting up to 3000 packages per hour



Deep Sea Container Port



I-85 and I-385 Interchange



GSP Aerial View



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As international investment has grown over the years, so have the outreach opportunities for the international community in the Upstate. Through the support of industry and the local communities, several institutions have been created to provide support along with supplemental and alternative education for the international families in the area.

Sister Cities of the Upstate

- Bergamo, Italy
- Kortrijk, Belgium
- Tianjin, China
- Stornoway, Scotland



International Education



Japanese Saturday School

The Japanese-American Association of South Carolina operates a Japanese Saturday School. The school offers supplemental education for Japanese children to provide them with learning of their culture, heritage and language.



Michelin French School

Michelin's North American headquarters in Greenville operates the Michelin French School, which is accredited by the French Ministry of Education. The school provides educational opportunities for grades 1-12 with classes taught in French.

Germany Saturday School

The University of South Carolina Upstate operates a German Saturday School. The school provides cultural and language training for German students as well as American students preparing for the Advanced Placement German language test.

Korean Saturday School

The Korean Saturday School, operated by the Korean Association, focuses on cultural and language education for Korean children.

Chinese Sunday School

The Chinese Sunday School, operated in partnership with Greenville Technical College, focuses on cultural and language training for Chinese students.



International Center for the Upstate

The ICU offers a multitude of services designed to promote cross-cultural understanding among local and international residents of Upstate South Carolina. Established in 1998, it has representatives from over 70 countries.

Services

Language Classes, Newcomer Assistance, Women's Club, Cultural & Social Events, School & Community Programs, Films, Book Clubs and Festivals.



Our state-of-the-art web-based mapping application allows users to run detailed searches of the Upstate's sites & building database, create custom demographic reports and manipulate maps of the region.