



UpstateSCAlliance



AEROSPACE

Flying forward in the Upstate

Attracted by the region's strengths in materials research and advanced manufacturing, along with a depth of engineering capabilities, aerospace companies are soaring to success in Upstate South Carolina. With close proximity to major OEMs, such as the Boeing facility in Charleston and Gulfstream in Savannah, the Upstate offers a strategic location for subcontractors and suppliers.

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 the region provides an unmatched quality of life to its 1.5 million residents.



RECENT AEROSPACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPANY	CAPITAL INVESTMENT	JOBS
IPSUM Technologies	\$19,200,000	55
Lockheed Martin	\$13,500,000	200
Honeywell	\$10,000,000	30
ACL Airshop	\$7,200,000	32
Precision Jig & Fixture South	\$6,500,000	40
Flame Spray North America	\$4,000,000	20
Mapal Inc.	\$4,000,000	16
RBC Aerostructures	\$3,800,000	22
Aero Precision/Kellstrom Defense	\$1,200,000	21
PG Aerospace	—	22



The site has a 31-year history of strong performance in final assembly and checkout, as well as state-of-the-art capabilities in aircraft modification, a flexible and highly skilled workforce and a competitive cost structure.



LESLIE FARMER,
*Lockheed Martin spokeswoman,
commenting on Lockheed's
continued growth at its
Upstate facility.*

TRAINING AND INDUSTRY SUPPORT

From primary school STEM initiatives to advanced manufacturing programs offered by the Upstate's four technical colleges, the Upstate is inspiring and training the aerospace industry's workforce of the future. And, with support from the State of South Carolina and industry partners, SC Aerospace is working to grow and connect the cluster, expand the talent pipeline, build a competitive infrastructure, and enhance research and innovation.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Upstate South Carolina's technical colleges are 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 colleges offer multiple aerospace-related degrees and certificates, including an associate degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, certificate in Aviation Powerplant Theory/Systems, certificate in Aviation Airframe Structure & Systems and a certificate in Aviation Fundamentals.

READYSC™

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 302,932 trainees from 2,000 companies.



140,400

South Carolinians employed in the aerospace industry



400+

firms in the private sector of SC aerospace



Industrial engineering concentration

3X

national average (Upstate SC)



RESEARCH SUPPORT & AVIATION ASSETS

SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNOLOGY & AVIATION CENTER (SCTAC)

SCTAC is a unique, leading-edge business and technology park on 2,600 acres, recognized as a major aircraft maintenance and modification center, with an 8,000-foot runway, it can handle virtually any aircraft and has a Category 1 Instrument Landing System. It is well-suited for aviation MRO and other aviation-related business needs.

McNAIR CENTER

University of South Carolina's Center for Aerospace Innovation and Research supports industry through aerospace education, research, leadership, and industry advancement.

Core Research Areas:

- Steered fiber nonconventional laminate design
- Automated novel structural composite part production
- Multi-disciplinary design optimization of composite (aircraft) structures
- Automated, fusion-based assembly

GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

GSP offers the only scheduled nonstop international air cargo service in the Carolinas with regular flights to Germany and Mexico.

- Currently provides cargo services from FedEx and UPS
- Senator International offers twice-weekly cargo flights between GSP and Munich
- Adjacent to the South Carolina Ports Authority's Inland Port Greer

CONNECT WITH US

The Upstate SC Alliance is a public/private regional economic development organization designed to market and promote the Upstate SC Region to the world. Let our Business Recruitment Team assist your company in finding the perfect location, gathering critical market intelligence and making business connections.

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