



# 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 1.4 million residents.



## RECENT AEROSPACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPANY	CAPITAL INVESTMENT	JOBS
Toray Industries Inc.	\$1,000,000,000	500
F3 Engineering	\$4,000,000	53
ACL Airshop	\$7,200,000	32
PG Aerospace	—	22
Graphel Carbon Products	\$4,700,000	20
Borgeson Universal Co. Inc.	\$4,500,000	36
Beringer Aero USA	—	3
Advanced Ceramic Coatings	\$15,000,000	50
RBC Aerostructures	\$3,800,000	22
Honeywell	\$10,000,000	30
Lockheed Martin	\$13,500,000	200



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 292,000 trainees from 2,000 companies.

## CAROLINA AERONAUTICAL TESTING & CERTIFICATION CENTER

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



# 108,000

SOUTH CAROLINIANS  
EMPLOYED IN THE  
AEROSPACE INDUSTRY



# 400+

FIRMS IN THE  
PRIVATE SECTOR  
OF SC AEROSPACE



# SOUTH CAROLINA 2ND LARGEST

CONCENTRATION OF  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS  
IN THE NATION

**LOCKHEED MARTIN**



Artist's rendition of the F-16 Block 70 that will be built at Lockheed Martin's facility in Greenville, 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

## 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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