

22

passenger vehicle OEMs within a day's drive





automotive exporter in the U.S. by value South Carolina





international companies



375 robotics & automation companies



# Driving the future of mobility.

Home to **BMW's** largest vehicle production facility. **Michelin's North American** headquarters, research, development and tire manufacturing. **Oshkosh Defense's** production of next-generation delivery vehicles. And, technology firms like **AWL** that are providing process solutions to keep industry at peak productivity.

More than a production powerhouse, the Upstate region is leading the charge on mobility innovation. From **composite materials to alternative fuel sources to autonomous systems**, collaborative research driven by corporate partnerships is accelerating change in the automotive industry.

It's all happening in the Upstate.

## TALENT with drive

Automotive employment concentration

6x national average

Engineering technician concentration

average



Industrial engineering concentration



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One of the best things we experienced here is the Spark Center SC, which helped us get a temporary office, address & mailing services. Now, having Spartanburg Community College right around the corner supplying us with technical scholar students, mechanics, mechatronics & programmers is a great help for us to develop our talent inside our company.

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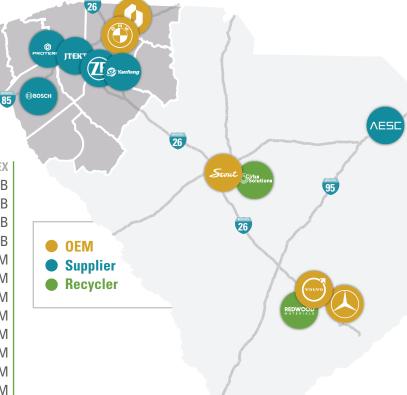
FORMER GENERAL MANAGER USA, AWL AUTOMATION

# CHARGING FORWARD IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Upstate SC has seen **\$4.2 billion in automotive investment in the Upstate over the last five years** as existing companies ramp up and new companies plug in.

### Recent statewide automotive announcements include:

COMPANY	FOCUS	CAPE
Redwood Materials	Battery Recycling	\$3.5E
AESC	Battery Production	\$3.1E
Scout	EV Trucks & SUVs	\$2E
BMW Manufacturing Corp.	EV SUV & Battery Assembly	\$1.9E
ZF	ICE & EV Transmissions	\$500N
Cirba Solutions	Battery Recycling	\$300N
Bosch	Hydrogen Fuel Cells	\$200N
Oshkosh Defense	U.S. Mail Delivery Vehicles	\$155N
Yanfeng	Interior Components	\$76N
Proterra	Battery Production	\$49N
JTEKT	Driveline Components	\$48.4N
BorgWarner	Battery Production	\$42.7N



# **POWERING MOBILITY INNOVATION**

#### **CLEMSON UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH** Cutting-edge mobility technologies and the next



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generation of engineers are emerging from this 250-acre collaborative research park, home to Clemson's Department of Automotive Engineering.



CU-ICAR has awarded 900+ Masters degrees and 100+ Doctoral degrees, and has established an Undergraduate program with a focus on EV and autonomy.



And with 67% of research sponsored by industry, Clemson minds are creating advancements in composite materials, advanced propulsion, connected autonomous systems, and battery materials, manufacturing, management and integration.



based research to investigate integration of virtual and augmented reality systems to support **electric vehicle manufacturing and education**.

#### **Industry Partners**

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#### **Education Partners**



**INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION CENTER (ITIC)** The Southeast's premier mobility testing ground, iTiC is a nonprofit facility where OEMs, suppliers, researchers and startups can test and validate

1-mile asphalt straightaway

1,700-foot durability track

Fast charging for EVs

3-mile highway speed oval





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