

JAPAN

Connecting to the Upstate



Globally connected. Globally competitive.

Upstate South Carolina connects two of the largest cities in the Southeastern United States: Charlotte and Atlanta. It is home to some of the world's most forward-thinking companies, including leaders in development and application of cutting-edge technologies. With a moderate climate and unmatched quality of life, the Upstate has 1.5 million residents and is a magnet for top talent.

Located on the East Coast (in UTC-05:00 time zone), the Upstate offers international companies an ideal location to launch new offices, engineering or service centers, manufacturing or distribution operations. Its global connectivity boosts a growing industrial base and is supported by key infrastructure for businesses and consumers: air, interstate and rail, with access to the most productive port on the East Coast. In addition, power and water capacity are plentiful, with electric rates among the lowest in the nation.



TOP DESTINATION for Foreign Investment

#1
highest concentration of FDI jobs
South Carolina

545+
international companies
Upstate SC

10.1%
of Upstate jobs are with foreign-owned enterprises

2x national average

JAPANESE INVESTMENT in Upstate SC

63
Japanese-owned companies

12
company announcements since 2016

702
jobs created since 2016

\$809M
in capital investment since 2016

International Support

The Upstate SC Alliance works as a team with the State of South Carolina and our partners to provide support and resources for international companies seeking to establish and expand operations within the United States of America, including:



MARKET ENTRY

Support for your US launch, whether opening a small office or establishing manufacturing or distribution operations.



MARKET INSIGHT

Create custom business intelligence reports on workforce availability, industry profiles & more.



VISAS

Connect with local providers experienced with requirements for travel in the US.



SITE SELECTION

Conduct search of available properties based on your specific criteria.



TEAM OF ADVISORS

From incorporation to human resources to incentives negotiations, we can help you assemble a team of professional advisors.



CONNECTIONS

Provide introductions to federal, state, local and private sector agencies & stakeholders.

International Resources

45+ international organizations are active in the Upstate, creating a welcoming environment for global business.

UPSTATE INTERNATIONAL

Organization that empowers people and businesses of all nations to thrive in the Upstate by connecting them with programs, events and initiatives that foster an exchange of international culture and discussion of global issues.

JAPAN AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Fosters relationships between South Carolina and Japan.

SEUS JAPAN ASSOCIATION

Fosters relationships between Southeast US and Japan.

JAPANESE SATURDAY SCHOOL

Provides supplementary education for children of Japanese expatriates.



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MICHELIN



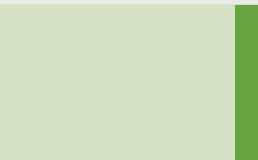
Electrolux

AFL



AEROSPACE

- Strategically located to reach OEMs such as Boeing, Gulfstream, and Airbus
- A strong concentration of engineers and aerospace training programs
- Home to GE Aviation, Lockheed Martin, Michelin, Solvay and Champion Aerospace



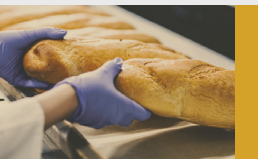
AUTOMOTIVE

- Suppliers can reach more than 20 OEMs in a day's drive
- South Carolina is the #1 Exporter of tires and completed passenger vehicles in the U.S.
- Home to world class CU-ICAR (Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research), a 250-acre advanced-technology research campus that provides industry-driven research and engineering talent



ENGINEERED MATERIALS

- The Upstate develops and produces innovative materials in the areas of composites, plastics, optics, textiles, ceramics, and metals
- The engineered materials sector has 900+ companies and employs 41,450+ people
- Home to Milliken Company, 3M, Fujifilm, Toray, AFL Telecommunications, Teijin and AVX



FOOD MANUFACTURING

- Upstate South Carolina is home to 204 companies in the food industry
- Clemson University is one of the few schools in the U.S. that offers a degree in packaging science
- Home to Keurig Dr Pepper, Nestle, Carolina Pride, Columbia Farms and PepsiCo



LIFE SCIENCES

- Upstate South Carolina is home to more than 455 life sciences companies
- Research centers in biomaterials, devices, genetic conditions, genomic profiling, and cancer research
- Home to Abbott, Arthrex, Cardinal Health, Lonza and Nutra Manufacturing