

UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA

Globally connected. Globally competitive.



A region with global reach.

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 1.6 million residents and is a magnet for talent.

Located on the East Coast (in UTC-5:00), the Upstate offers international companies an ideal location for U.S. market entry. From sales and engineering offices, to service centers, to manufacturing and distribution, our region is primed to support companies of all sizes. With cargo and passenger air service, interstates and rail connections to the deepest and most productive port on the East Coast, Upstate SC has global reach. We also have plentiful water and carbon neutral power, and the lowest unionization rate in the nation.



50

foreign-owned companies
have announced new
locations in Upstate SC

2019-2023

#1

state with highest
concentration of FDI jobs

South Carolina

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The amount of support services offered in Spartanburg played a significant role in our decision to locate here, particularly the landing space available thanks to the Spark Center. Spartanburg is a known name among many European businesses, and we are excited, and grateful, to join such a welcoming, supportive community.”

Noël Deferm

CO-FOUNDER, GENERAL MANAGER,
AND PRESIDENT OF HAMMER-IMS

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INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES in Upstate SC

138		GERMANY
68		JAPAN
64		CANADA
56		UNITED KINGDOM
34		FRANCE
26		CHINA
21		SWITZERLAND
20		NETHERLANDS
19		ITALY
19		SWEDEN
17		IRELAND
13		BELGIUM

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 U.S. travel, work eligibility and immigration.



SITE SELECTION

Conduct search of available properties based on your company's 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 and stakeholders.

International Resources

49 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.

EUROPEAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAROLINAS

An independent membership organization dedicated to stimulating business and networking relations between Europe and the Carolinas region.

SISTER CITIES

The Greenville Chapter of Sister Cities International maintains relationships with Bergamo, Italy; Kortrijk, Belgium; Vadodara, India; and Tianjin, FTZ, PRC.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

The Upstate is home to 18 immersion and supplementary schools offering culture and language instruction, including: German, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, and Arabic.



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Electrolux

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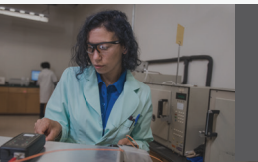
AEROSPACE

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



AUTOMOTIVE

- Suppliers can reach 33 passenger OEMs within a one-day drive
- South Carolina is the #1 exporter of tires and #2 exporter of 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 1,105 business locations, employs 43,500+
- Home to Milliken, 3M, Fujifilm, Toray, AFL, Teijin and Kyocera AVX



FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Upstate South Carolina is home to 300 companies in the food & beverage 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, Nestlé, Carolina Pride, Columbia Farms, PepsiCo, E.A. Sween & Milo's Tea



LIFE SCIENCES

- Upstate South Carolina is home to 460+ 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

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The Upstate SC Alliance is a public/private regional economic development organization. We support companies of all sizes.



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