



## AN INTERNATIONAL BEACON

South Carolina stands out as a top destination for foreign investment, ranking #1 nationwide in attracting jobs through foreign investment for three of the last five years (IBM-Plant Location International). With more than 460 international companies located in the Upstate, we understand the needs of international companies, and our region has the resources to assist foreign-owned companies who seek to expand their operations to the U.S.

### Chinese Companies Located in Upstate South Carolina

Company	Parent Company	Upstate County
3S International Corp.	3S International Corporation	Laurens
American Yuncheng Plate Making, Inc	Shanxi Yuncheng Plate Making Group Co., Ltd.	Spartanburg
Cold Mountain Material Corporation	Suzhou Glacier import & Export Co., Ltd.	Greenville
E-P Equipment USA Corp.	EP Equipment Co. Ltd.	Spartanburg
Fuyao North American Inc. (Greenville Glass)	Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co. Ltd	Greenville
Greenfield Industries	Dalian Top-Eastern Group Co., Ltd.	Oconee
GSP North America Co., Inc.	Guansheng Auto Parts	Spartanburg
International Cotton Depots (2 locations)	Noble Group	Greenville
Minghua USA	JiangNan Mold & Plastic Technology Co., Ltd.	Spartanburg
Lau Rubber & Plastic Products USA, LLC	Lau Rubber and Plastic Products Ltd.	Greenville
Steeleng Golf Cart Accessories	Taiyuan Steel Engineering Corp. Ltd.	Greenville
Techtronic Industries Power Equipment	Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd.	Anderson
Yanfeng Automotive Interiors	Johnson Controls, Inc. / HUAYA Automotive Systems Co., Ltd.	Laurens

## INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT & RESOURCES

In 2015, South Carolina opened an office in Shanghai to serve the growing Asian market interest and help strengthen relationships with Asian investments. The Upstate SC Alliance works as a team with the State 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** - Whether you are seeking market entry through FDI, business partnering, or a landing pad, we can help.
- **Team of Advisors** – From incorporation to environmental regulations to incentives negotiation, we can assist you in assembling a team of professional advisors to help you launch successfully in the U.S. market.
- **Visas** – Information on visa requirements for travel in the United States is available through the U.S. Department of State. Let us connect you to local providers who are experienced in this field.
- **Site selection** – Our business recruitment team can conduct a search of available properties based on your specific criteria.
- **Connections** – To federal, state, local and private sector agencies and stakeholders.

### Other Support:

#### Upstate International

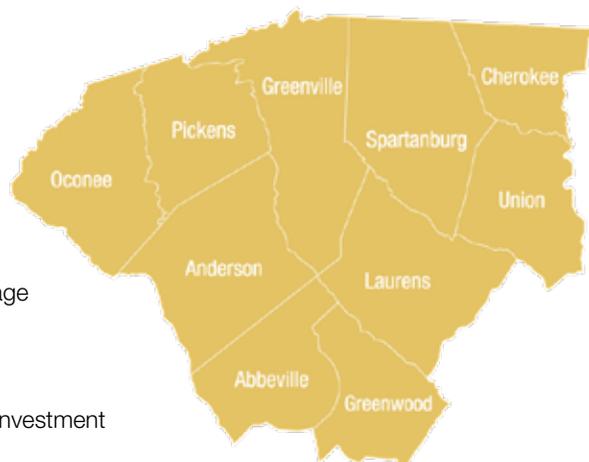
Empowering people and businesses of all nations to thrive in the Upstate by connecting them with programs, events and initiatives that foster the dynamic exchange of international cultures and ideas.

#### Greenville Chinese Culture Association

Providing support for the growth of the Upstate Chinese culture. The GCCA's work includes the Chinese School of Greenville, whose mission is to teach the Chinese language and introduce Chinese culture.

#### Chinese Economic Development Board of South Carolina

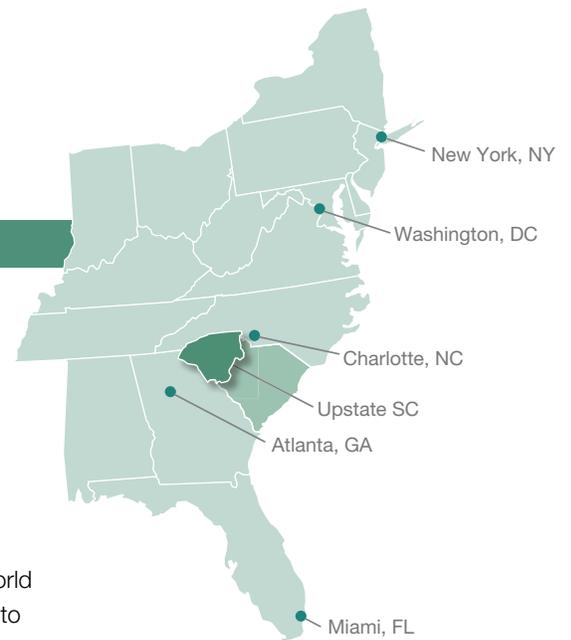
Providing a knowledgeable platform to assist companies engaged in or considering US investment and trade, while promoting cultural understanding between China and South Carolina.





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# GLOBAL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT



## BUSINESS MOVES HERE

Located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina, the Upstate connects two of the largest cities in the Southeastern United States: Charlotte and Atlanta. This 10-county region 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 provides an unmatched quality of life to its 1.4 million residents.

Home to more than 460 foreign-owned firms, the Upstate offers a welcoming and supportive locale for international business. Our diverse portfolio of businesses includes world leaders such as BMW, GE, Fujifilm, Michelin, Milliken, and Lockheed Martin and continues to grow with the announcement of more than 150 new and expanding companies since 2015.

## TOP INDUSTRIES

### Automotive



With more than 250 automotive-related companies, the Upstate continues to be a prime location for the automotive industry, who can reach more than 16 OEMs in a day's drive. Home to industry leaders BMW, ZF, Borg Warner, Bosch, and Michelin, the Upstate is a national leader in automotive research and manufacturing. The region is home to world class CU-ICAR (Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research), an advanced-technology research campus, providing industry driven research and engineering talent. South Carolina Ranks #1 for its automotive business climate by the Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA).

### Biosciences



An exceptional research foundation bolstered by our strengths in advanced manufacturing make the Upstate an ideal location for advancing the frontiers of medicine. Our biosciences industry is growing steadily, supported by our hospital systems, research universities, and private industry. The Upstate has been recognized as an emerging biotech hub, with research centers in biomaterials, devices, genetic conditions, genomic profiling, and cancer research. Home to St. Jude Medical, Medtronic, Capsugel, and Nutra Manufacturing.

### Advanced Materials



Advanced materials manufacturing and research has deep roots in Upstate South Carolina, whose thriving economy was anchored in the textile industry. Today, the Upstate develops and produces innovative materials in the areas of plastics, optics/ photonics, textiles, ceramics, and metals used as the building blocks for some of the world's most complex products. The sector has 837 establishments in the Upstate, including major operations by Milliken, 3M, Fujifilm, Toray, AFL Telecommunications, Sterilite, and AVX. The advanced materials sector in the Upstate employs 37,804 people, which is 77% above the national average and growing.

### Aerospace



Our proximity to OEMs such as Boeing, Gulfstream, and Airbus, coupled with the Upstate's powerful synergies in mobility and materials research and manufacturing, makes us an attractive location for companies in the growing aerospace industry, including GE Aviation, Lockheed Martin, Michelin, Cytec and Champion Aerospace . There are more than 400 aviation and aerospace-related companies in South Carolina, and more than 38% of them are located in the Upstate. A large concentration of engineers and aerospace training programs ensure that the industry will have the skilled workforce needed to soar.