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1. Manage, market and connect the aerospace cluster

2. Grow the aerospace cluster

3. Expand the talent pipeline to serve the aerospace cluster

4. Build a competitive infrastructure and business environment

5. Enhance research and innovation

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Manage, Market & Connect

SC Aerospace connects the cluster by keeping stakeholders informed with a monthly newsletter, social media updates and face-to-face meetings.

We also maintain a website for the industry featuring an interactive, searchable map with information on aerospace-related companies in South Carolina.

SC Aerospace hosts four networking events per year. Our three quarterly events rotate regions of the state and attract attendees from all areas of the aerospace cluster. SC Aerospace is also an organizing partner for the annual South Carolina Aerospace Conference and Expo in Columbia. The two-day conference brings more than 500 attendees and more than 50 exhibitors from across the Southeast to South Carolina to discuss topics in aerospace education, innovation and development.

Grow the Cluster

SC Aerospace supports the SC Department of Commerce in efforts to grow existing businesses and recruit additional businesses to South Carolina. SC Aerospace Advisory Board members and staff promote aerospace events and participate in responses to media inquiries.

The SC Aerospace team travels across the state to visit with aerospace companies and learn about their capabilities. The needs and opportunities uncovered during these visits are often helpful in uncovering expansion opportunities and making connections within the supply and support chain.

SC Aerospace also assists the Department of Commerce in selecting, screening and preparing companies to participate as part of the state’s delegation at trade shows like the Paris Air Show and the Farnborough International Air Show.
South Carolina’s aerospace cluster continues to soar. The industry has experienced significant and measurable growth, quickly propelling the Palmetto State to one of the most competitive states for aerospace in the nation.

South Carolina’s aerospace cluster is outpacing each of its three closest competitors in the Southeast - North Carolina, Alabama and Georgia - in revenue growth and employment growth.

The total economic impact of aerospace on South Carolina’s economy is $19 billion per year. There are approximately 400 aerospace companies in South Carolina and four aviation related military facilities. These companies and facilities combined employ more than 53,000 people. Of the 17,000 employed in the private sector, approximately 72.2 percent of employees are in manufacturing, 17.8 percent of employees are in air transportation support, and 10 percent are in air transportation.

SC Aerospace works to sustain this competitive environment in which the aerospace industry continues to thrive.
Career opportunities in aerospace are rapidly growing as the industry expands in South Carolina. A 2015 survey from Aviation Week revealed that, of South Carolina aerospace companies with less than 500 employees, 31 percent planned to grow their workforce by year-end 2017. These are high-wage jobs with private-sector aerospace employees earning an average total compensation of $70,000 per year in South Carolina.

SC Aerospace created an Education Working Group, consisting of more than 30 educators across the learning spectrum, from PK through post-secondary institutions. The group formally endorsed and recommended a high school curriculum to the SC Department of Education, which was later implemented across the state. The group is also creating an aerospace career awareness campaign designed for all ages, from pre-kindergarteners to transitioning military. The campaign will help build interest in aerospace career pathways and connect individuals with local and statewide resources.

The University of South Carolina’s McNAIR Center for Aerospace Innovation and Research works to meet the needs of South Carolina’s rapidly growing aerospace cluster. Its research is focused on key areas in composite materials and their application in the ever-changing aerospace industry.

The McNAIR Center is the only university-based research center in the United States with fully industrial scale composite manufacturing equipment, including an Ingersoll Machine Tools Lynx Automated Fiber Placement Machine, autoclave, oven, nondestructive testing equipment and VARTM facility.

Through its work with industry partners, academia and the SC Department of Commerce, the McNAIR Center is dedicated to providing opportunities for investment and collaboration.
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Connecting and growing South Carolina’s aerospace cluster is a team effort.

And we need you to be a part of our team.

SC Aerospace’s public-private partnership brings public, private, academic and nonprofit entities together. This collaboration is necessary to advancing South Carolina’s aerospace cluster globally.

Your voice is important to the future of the industry. Whether you’re an independent aerospace supplier, a multinational manufacturer or anywhere between, there’s a place for you.

Your contribution to SC Aerospace will help to encourage innovation, continue research to understand the impact of aerospace on the state’s economy and ensure that resources are available to produce a highly-skilled technical workforce.

Sponsoring or partnering with SC Aerospace gives you a unique opportunity to place your brand, products or services in front of South Carolina’s leading aerospace companies. SC Aerospace Partners receive recognition on our website, in our monthly e-newsletter to more than 600 industry leaders, at each quarterly event and prominent placement on our online aerospace asset map. Those interested in becoming an SC Aerospace sponsor may sponsor an event or sign up to be a Sponsor of the Month, featured on our website and e-newsletter for the entire month.

If you would like to partner with SC Aerospace, I’d like to discuss opportunities and custom options made to fit your business or organization. Please contact me at abeasley@sccompetes.org.

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