

South Carolina is Just Right for Logistics, Trade and Distribution



More than 95 percent of the world's consumers live outside of the United States, and in today's global economy, many of the business opportunities that exist are in international markets.

- South Carolina logistics network includes the region's deepest seaports, two Class I rail carriers and highways connecting to major inland destinations.
- The State of South Carolina is in the midst of investing \$2 billion in trade-related infrastructure improvements, including harbor deepening, a new intermodal rail yard and an inland port.

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Linking the State to the World

Reaching any market from South Carolina is an easy task. The state's central East Coast location—midway between New York and Miami—offers ideal access to major U.S. markets, with nearly 95 million consumers within a day's drive. The state is served by five interstate highways, a world-class sea-port supporting post-Panamax vessels, two Class 1 rail carriers and three major airports. And with direct shipping services via the Port of Charleston serving more than 100 nations, South Carolina offers manufacturers a robust network to reach customers and suppliers around the world.

Going Deep

The Charleston Harbor Deepening Project will increase the state's competitive edge. By increasing the shipping channel's depth from 45 feet—already the deepest in the region—to 52 feet, Charleston will provide 24/7 access to the largest ships calling the East Coast.

Moving the Goods

Two major projects—the new South Carolina Inland Port in Greer and the planned Intermodal Container Transfer Facility in North Charleston—are leveraging rail to speed the flow of commerce and provide efficient inland connections. These projects are part of a \$2 billion infrastructure program being implemented across the state.

Distribution Centers Choose South Carolina

Since 2006, companies in warehousing and distribution have announced over \$1.3 billion in capital investment in South Carolina creating more than 12,000 new jobs. The table below highlights a few of these recent announcements.

Company	Jobs	Capital Investment
Dollar Tree	400	\$104 million
Belk, Inc.	294	\$29.5 Million
FedEx Ground Package System, Inc.	121	\$14.2 Million
Techtronic Industries	216	\$85 million
KI Logistics	149	\$11.5 Million
Harbor Freight Tools	200	\$60 Million
Valley Forge Flag Company	100	\$3.2 Million
McEntire Produce, Inc.	85	\$5 Million
Rite Aid Corporation	600	\$90 million

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