

About SC Logistics

SC Logistics is a collaborative effort to strengthen South Carolina's economy, create jobs, attract investment, and become a global leader in transportation, distribution, and logistics. SC Logistics is an initiative of the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness that is made possible, in part, by a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration and with support from the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

Logistics in South Carolina

South Carolina's logistics industry has a \$32.9 billion impact, according to a 2017 study released by the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness. This makes the logistics industry cluster one of South Carolina's largest with 600 logistics companies operating in the state, ranging from transportation, to air freight providers, to warehouse and distribution centers.

"Dr. Joseph Von Nessen's study drives home the fact that logistics is one of the most important industries in our state, because every company relies on it to conduct business."

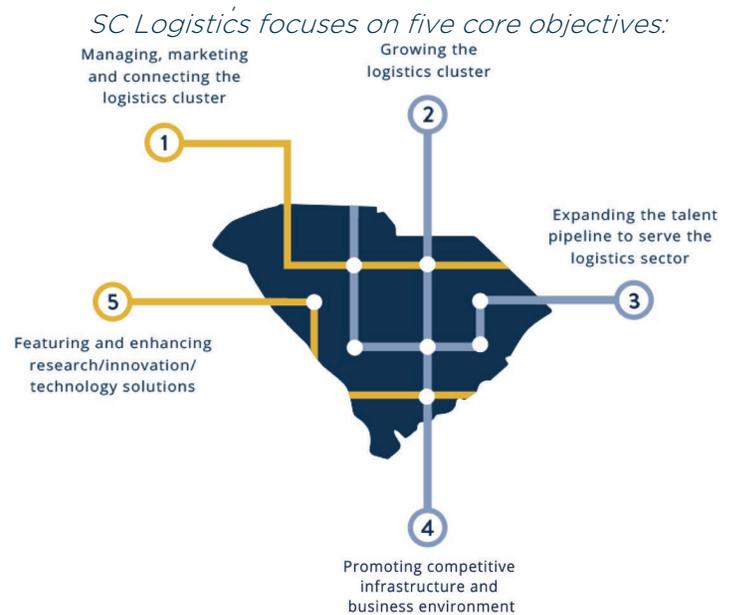
- Suzanne Dickerson, Director of Logistics Initiatives, SC Council on Competitiveness

"We have direct logistics firms operating in almost every county in the state. So, seen collectively, there are over 113,000 South Carolinians working in the logistics industry cluster."

- Dr. Joey Von Nessen, Economist, University of South Carolina

"Logistics plays a critical role in the state's economy and our focused effort is on growing and supporting this significant economic segment."

- Susie Shannon, President, and CEO, SC Council on Competitiveness

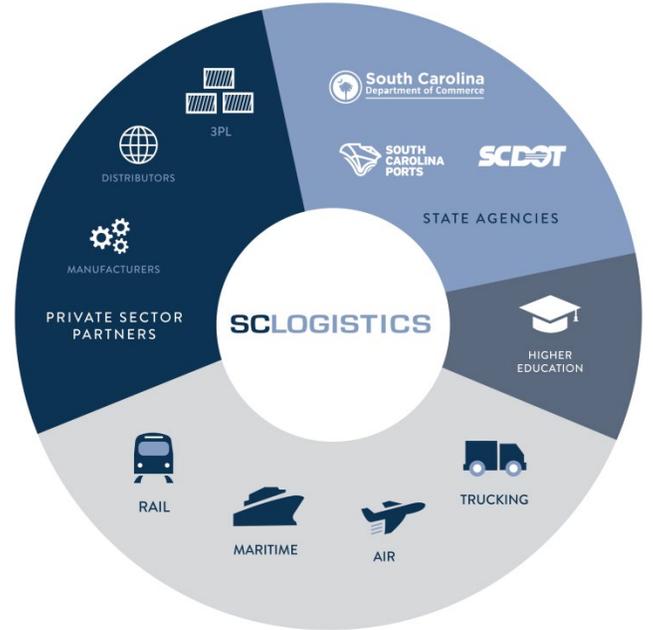


Supporting the Industry

SC Logistics' work is conducted through a public-private partnership. Our Executive Forum includes representation from **all sectors of the industry: trucking, rail, maritime, air, distributors, manufacturers, and third-party logistics providers.**

Our public sector partners include: the South Carolina Department of Commerce, the South Carolina Ports Authority, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation. We also partner with higher education institutions such as the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and the College of Charleston.

Through the collaborative work of our partners and under the leadership of Suzanne Dickerson, Director for Logistics Initiatives, **SC Logistics helps position South Carolina as a hub for the transportation of freight across the globe.** By the very nature of the industry, logistics supports all businesses in the state. From global manufacturing companies to locally owned small businesses, **SC businesses rely on logistics services at TWICE the rate of other purchased services.**



With the Port of Charleston, the Greer and Dillon Inland Ports, and major rail lines, highways, and airports, South Carolina has national and global reach. This has made the Palmetto State inviting to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), many of which have settled in the state. These **OEMs are a driving force in South Carolina's logistics industry cluster** and encourage continued growth in the transportation and distribution sectors.

\$1.35 BILL + \$889 MILL
SOUTH CAROLINA PORT AUTHORITY STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

= \$2.2 BILLION
TOTAL 10-YEAR CAPEX COMMITMENT TO LOGISTICS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

As the logistics industry grows, state and federal investments have been pledged to improve South Carolina's infrastructure system with a total 10-year capital commitment to logistics in South Carolina exceeding \$2 billion.

In addition to funding for these projects, the South Carolina General Assembly passed a bill in 2017 that increases state funding for roads by \$600 million per year.

2018 Highlights

- The second annual SC Logistics TechTalk Symposium brought together logistics professionals from around South Carolina and the year's quarterly meetings saw attendees from across the state regularly gathering to share insight and industry best practices.
- In spring 2018, the cluster released the results of an independent Warehouse and Distribution Study indicating that, when comparing 20 U.S. strategic locations, three of the top five most cost-competitive cities for warehousing and distribution are right here in South Carolina.
- In total, three actionable research projects were kicked off and completed in 2018 – all contributing further data-driven results to the growth and strength of South Carolina's logistics economy.

Learn more about SC Logistics

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