



Distribution & Logistics

NESA
South Carolina's
Business Corner

Locating halfway between Miami and New York and within an 8-hour drive to over 50 percent of the US major markets will allow your company to trim its logistics costs and increase its competitive position in the global marketplace. The North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA) is a nine-county regional economic development group that helps companies find ideal locations for distribution and logistics intensive operations. Please contact us to learn more about maximizing your company's logistical advantage.

Why is the NESA Region ideal for your distribution and logistics needs?

South Carolina's Business Corner has the Logistics Industry Covered

- Fully served industrial sites are available from \$3,500 per acre, including those with Interstate or four-lane highway access.
- A population base of nearly 700,000 workers with a labor draw of nearly 350,000 within the Region. Population of over 1,000,000 within 60 miles of the region's center.

- Extremely competitive cost of operations offering competitive incentive packages, including tax credits up to \$8,000 per job.
- For an estimate of your logistics savings by locating in the NESA Region, please visit our Logistics Cost Calculator at www.scbusinesscorner.com/logistics.

Transportation Benefits

Major Interstate Access:

- I-95 North/South (Maine to Florida)
- I-20 East/West (South Carolina to Texas)
- I-73 North/South - Proposed (Michigan to South Carolina)

Airport Access:

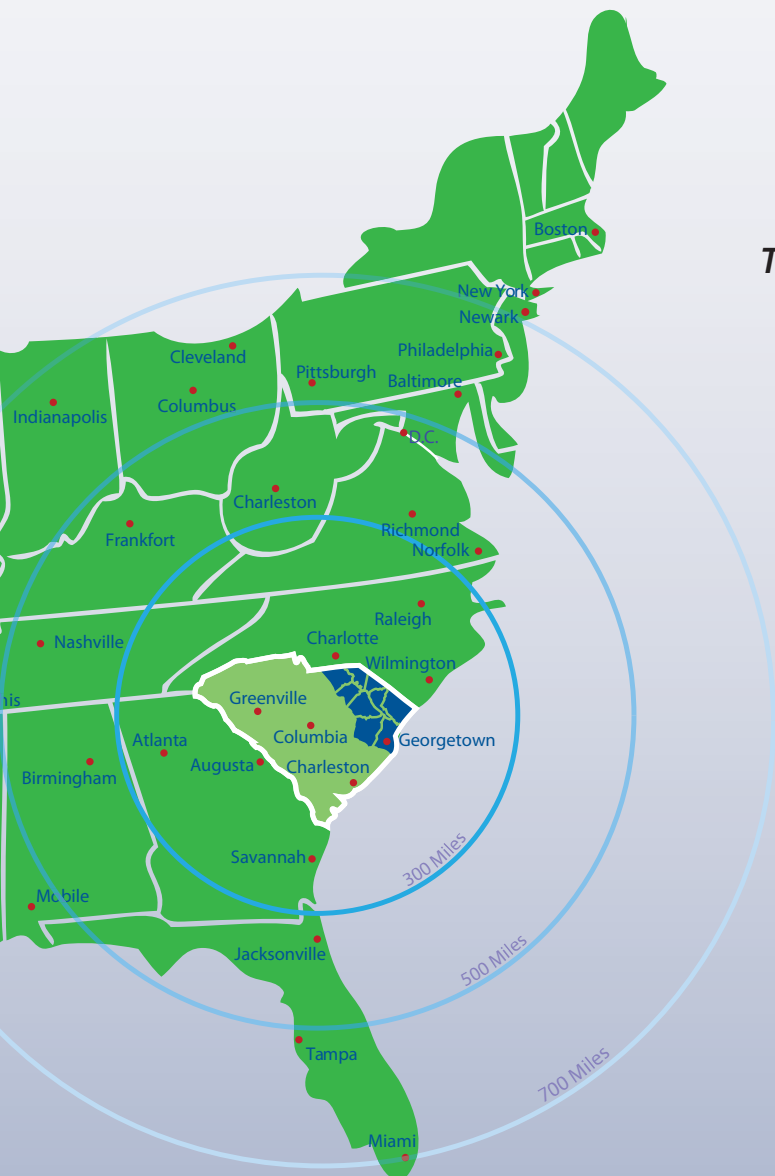
- Florence Regional and Myrtle Beach International airports are within the NESA Region
- Columbia Metro, Charlotte Douglas International and Charleston International airports are all within a short drive of the Region

Railroad Access:

- Over 350 miles of rail as well as numerous rail-served sites within the NESA Region
- Access to Class 1 CSX rail throughout the region.

Port Access:

- Georgetown, South Carolina
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Savannah, Georgia
- Wilmington, North Carolina
- Jacksonville, Florida



Transportation & Distribution Wage Rate Comparison

Occupation Title	USA	SC	NESA
	Median Hourly Wage		
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$13.98	\$13.29	\$13.58
Laborers and Freight, Stock & Material Movers	\$10.89	\$10.29	\$9.98
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	\$12.29	\$13.14	\$11.07
Material Moving Workers	\$ 15.68	\$19.30	\$16.21
Motor Vehicle Operators	\$11.97	\$16.22	\$13.62
Packers and Packagers	\$9.16	\$8.89	\$8.39
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor Trailer	\$17.92	\$16.54	\$16.00
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Service	\$13.27	\$11.71	\$11.42

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics: May 2008 Occupation Employment and Wage Estimates; NESA (extrapolated data)

Workforce Benefits

- A population base of nearly 700,000 people with an excellent labor draw of approximately 340,000 workers from a nine-county region in a right-to-work state.
- In 2008, South Carolina experienced the 3rd lowest unionization rate (3.9%) in the nation.
- The NESA region is home to the 3rd most productive workforce in the United States and 1st in the Southeast.
- Many higher education and training resources are in the region, including three major universities and five technical colleges.
- ReadySC, a nationally recognized workforce-training program, offers free recruiting, assessment and training for new and expanding businesses.

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The NESA Region

Located in the northeastern corner of South Carolina, the nine-county NESA Region is within an 8-hour drive to over 50 percent of the U.S. population. The Region's prime location, strong workforce, great utilities infrastructure and extensive transportation network provide an exceptional business climate.

About NESA

NESA is a regional economic development organization that serves Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg counties.

NESA's primary objective is to significantly enhance the quality of life for residents of the region by creating additional jobs and capital investment within the existing base as well as through recruitment of new companies and expansion of tourism-related development.