

Partnerships

Spark Center SC has a strong network of corporate and community partners ready to support and assist its resident clients. Commitments from Spartanburg County Council and the Area Chamber of Commerce support the Spark by providing each client with the individualized attention and assistance needed to grow their business and enhance their likelihood of success.



"I have had the pleasure of partnering with The Spark for more than 10 years. We have utilized The Spark for many of our client companies locating or expanding in Spartanburg County including Brose, Cooper Standard, Echostar, Kobelco, Michelin, Rite Aid, RitRama and Toray. readySC™ has also utilized the flexible space to host numerous successful recruitment events."

LaTokia Trigg, readySC™
Area Director



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Some of Our Clients:



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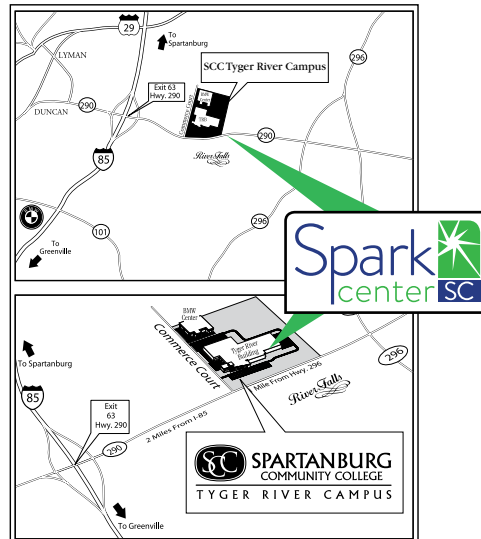
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TYGER RIVER CAMPUS

An Enterprise Campus Authority

SparkCenterSC.com



- Established in June 2006 to ignite economic growth in Spartanburg County, SC and to serve as a catalyst for business and entrepreneurial development in the state
- Promotes collaboration between economic development organizations, businesses and local, state and federal governments
- Strategically located near the intersection of I-26 and I-85 in a foreign trade zone with access to the SC Inland Port
- Provides nearly 400,000 square feet in a multi-use facility including Class A office space
- Accommodates multiple start-ups and growing businesses
- Space for new ventures, expansions, relocations, beta testing, light manufacturing
- Recruiting, hiring and training assistance to qualified companies
- Economic game-changer for Spartanburg County: since inception Spark Center SC has assisted more than 70 companies with nearly 30,000 jobs created and generated over \$1,000,000,000 in earnings



It Takes a Spark to Ignite a Successful Business

Four primary services are offered by the Spark Center SC

SLP

Soft Landings Program provides furnished office space and basic services for qualifying domestic and foreign companies who intend to assess the market or start new operations in Spartanburg County. The Soft Landings Program is also a resource for coordinated contacts for services like cultural assistance, language translation services, entry assistance, immigration and visa assistance, government regulations, accounting, financial, legal, housing assistance, utilities and many other services. In addition, the program is designed to provide information and coordinated resources for companies to include training seminars, technical support, global trade information, market research, referrals, community relations and networking.



WES

Workforce Employment Services, in partnership with SC Works Upstate and readySC™, provides recruiting, hiring and training assistance to qualified companies.



SBI

Small Business Incubator services position new start-up businesses for greater success by providing the foundation needed to get started through collaboration with supporting agencies. Organizations including the Small Business Development Center and SCORE are located within the Spark.



SP

Special Projects assistance provides space that may be used to beta test a new product line or manufacturing process as well as the temporary warehousing of inventory.



What Spark Center SC Clients Have to Say



"The exceptional resources offered by The Spark were key factors in making the very competitive site

selection decision for Kobelco. A unique mix of office, training and warehouse space, located in close proximity to our plant site, perfectly fulfilled our needs during the aggressive employee hiring, plant construction and equipment and materials ramp-up phases of the start-up. Additionally, the always available and plentiful assistance, coordination and networking, tackling challenges great and small, truly propelled the success of the Kobelco launch for our business and to be a part of the Spartanburg community. Not only did this great facility provide an excellent 'soft landing,' but it also allowed Kobelco to hit the ground running into a bright and prosperous future."

Hiroshi "Rocky" Morita, VP Spartanburg Operations
Kobelco Constuction Machinery Co., Ltd.



"Magna's nine-month arrangement with Spark Center SC was

very helpful in allowing us to concentrate on our customers and new construction rather than the upkeep and logistics of a temporary site. I cannot think of a time where the facilities provided were found wanting and the availability of additional training rooms within the college area was a bonus during our Supplier Days. It always felt like we were in a Magna facility."



Ian Pilcher
Assistant General Manager
Magna Seating of America, Inc.
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