Charleston offers an ideal business environment for technology companies, entrepreneurs, and talent to thrive in a metro that consistently tops the World’s Best Cities lists.

Home to 1,200+ tech companies, a skilled talent pool, and an ever-expanding supportive ecosystem, we offer what you need to succeed.

#10
U.S. City Gaining Innovation Jobs
New York Times, 2020

#2
Workforce Ages 25-34 Based on Total Population
(Among Mid-Size U.S. Metros) 2021

Top 4
Among U.S. Metros for Tech Job Forecast
CompTIA Cyber States, 2021 Report
CHARLESTON IS BOOMING

Fast emerging as a tech hub, Charleston offers a great place to do business, to innovate, grow your skills, and be successful. It’s why 30+ people move here each day, and why our labor pool has grown 3 times faster than the U.S. average since 2010.

HOME TO 1,200+ TECH COMPANIES

CHARLESTON IS A TALENT MAGNET

Offers a labor force of 400K+ employees, growing 3 times faster than the U.S.

> 72% of incoming talent have post-secondary education

> 14,000+ people employed in IT occupations

> #2 mid-size metro for IT jobs growth in the past 5 years; 351% increase since 2011

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Charleston’s talent pipeline is fueled by 45,000+ students attending college including: Masters, PhDs and Graduate Certificates in Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Information Systems, and Software Engineering.

GLOBAL TRANSPORATION & LOGISTICS

- Nonstop domestic flights to 51 airports in 45 cities
- 8th largest U.S. container port, with the deepest harbor on the East Coast at 52 feet
- An integrated transportation network allows shipments to reach most domestic markets within 48 hours

ACQUISITIONS:

Blackbaud acquires EVERFI ($750M) (2022)
eGroup acquires Enabling Technologies (Terms not disclosed) (2022)

FUNDING ACTIVITY/CAPITAL RAISES:

Palmetto Clean Technologies ($375M raised) (2022)
X Lerate Group ($37.5M raised) (2022)
Good Growth Capital ($102M) (2022) (VC Fund)

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