

WHAT IS CONNEX SOUTH CAROLINA?

CONNEX™ South Carolina is an online platform that connects all SC manufacturers and suppliers into a single searchable solution. It allows manufacturers to quickly post and respond to needs, visualize supply chain risks, search for qualified manufacturers, and discover new business opportunities!

HOW WILL CONNEX HELP ME STRENGTHEN MY SUPPLY CHAIN?

You can view your supply chain, find alternate suppliers, highlight single-supplier and financial risks, see companies on government watch lists, and more. You can also find suppliers by searching thousands of state manufacturers and using filters to find companies with products and services that match your specific needs. For national supply chain connectivity, manufacturers can upgrade to full national access through CONNEX South Carolina. (See “How Do I Upgrade?” below).

WHO CAN USE CONNEX?

The platform is open to all U.S. manufacturers and suppliers who make, assemble, fabricate, produce, machine or perform any type of manufacturing across any industry. The platform is not open to service providers, distributors or similar entities.

HOW IS CONNEX DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SIMILAR PLATFORMS?

CONNEX offers many unique features, including:

- **Low Cost:** CONNEX South Carolina is FREE for all SC manufacturers to use within the state! In addition, it's only \$500/Yr per company location to access the entire U.S. database (with unlimited user licenses per location!) Other platforms are typically \$SK+ per year.
- **More than Just Another Bid-Board:** Rather than just reposting government bid listings, CONNEX focuses on building long-term relationships between suppliers & buyers. With a few clicks, direct relationships are formed.
- **Partnerships:** CONNEX was built in partnership with over 140 manufacturing organizations across the country, which means it is truly the national supply chain solution.

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HOW SECURE IS MY DATA?

Data security is always a top priority. Your data is encrypted both at rest and in transit. No one outside of your organization can see your confidential information without your express permission. In addition, the platform is constantly being updated to meet the latest cybersecurity standards.

CAN SOMEONE HELP ME SET UP & OPTIMIZE MY PROFILE?

Yes, with your permission SCMEP can help to ensure that you get the most out of the platform by:

- Building, optimizing and maintaining your profile
- Creating & uploading your capability statements
- Posting and responding to exchange center opportunities on your behalf
- Onboarding internal users and setting user permissions
- And more!

To receive this assistance, reach out to us and we'll explain how you can grant us temporary access to your profile.

HOW DO I UPGRADE MY FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO ACCESS THE ENTIRE NATIONAL DATABASE?

CONNEX South Carolina is a free, state-only version of the national “CONNEX Marketplace” platform. Although it's free, users are limited to only seeing and interacting with other SC manufacturers and suppliers. CONNEX South Carolina users cannot see profiles or posted opportunities in any other state.

Upgrading to the full national access of CONNEX Marketplace is easy and inexpensive. It's only \$500/yr per company location, with unlimited user licenses per location! Upgrading to national access allows users to view, search, interact and respond to manufacturing opportunities across the entire U.S., instead of only South Carolina.

To upgrade your account, you must first create a CONNEX South Carolina account. After that, select “My Subscriptions” on your account page. Select to upgrade your account to CONNEX Marketplace and enter your payment information or promo code. Membership can be canceled at any time!

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