

Research Triangle Region, North Carolina

The Place to Be for Cleantech



The Research Triangle Region of North Carolina is leading a global cleantech revolution with hundreds of companies and thousands of employees developing innovations that will shape a more sustainable future. If you're in the cleantech business, this is the place to be.

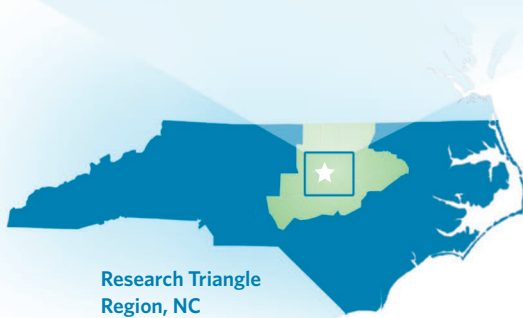


Critical Mass of Companies

- ▶ 350-plus cleantech firms
- ▶ Mix of Fortune 500, headquarters, mid-size and startups
- ▶ Home to hardware, software and data analytics leaders
- ▶ Home to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's largest research lab and its health and environment research center
- ▶ North Carolina is home to the largest U.S. electric utility, Duke Energy

Dedicated Cluster Organization

- ▶ Industry-formed and funded
- ▶ Accelerates innovation through collaboration and partnerships
- ▶ Globally recognized brand and companies
- ▶ Member International Cleantech Network



"Everyone you need to talk to is right here, so collaboration happens in real time."

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Smart Grid

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Smart Water

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Our areas of focus leverage the strengths and assets of the region's companies and universities.

Innovation Ecosystem

- ▶ Three world-class research universities ([Duke University](#), [N.C. State University](#), [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#)), 10 other colleges and universities, and nine community colleges
- ▶ High concentration of hardware and software companies focused on grid integration
- ▶ Four smart energy research centers
- ▶ 17 water research and policy centers
- ▶ 16 entrepreneurial support organizations
- ▶ High concentration of EV-charging manufacturing activity
- ▶ High-profile demonstration opportunities
- ▶ Supportive policies and business climate
- ▶ Triple Helix model and culture of collaboration (business, government, academia) that propel innovation

Talent & Workforce Development

- ▶ 1 million-strong workforce - diverse, educated, skilled
- ▶ 32,000 higher education graduates each year
- ▶ 45% of workforce holds college degree (U.S. 37%)
- ▶ High concentration of engineering/engineering technology degrees
- ▶ Customized workforce training
- ▶ Cluster workforce survey identifying company talent needs

Exceptional Quality of Life

- ▶ Talent magnet, [consistently ranked top place to live, work and play](#)
- ▶ Abundant cultural and outdoor offerings
- ▶ High-quality K-12 education
- ▶ Affordable cost of living compared to other high-tech hotspots



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CLEANTECH CLUSTER™

» Transformation Through Collaboration

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