

**TABLE 6**

Oconee County, South Carolina

**RESEARCH BASE**  
**TOP 50 BASED ON R & D PERSONNEL: PLACES THAT CALL THEMSELVES R & D CENTERS**

Name of Center	Location		Affiliation (e.g. Corporate, Non-Profit, University, Government, etc.)	Research Specialty	Annual Funding (If Available)	Employment	
	City	County				R & D Personnel	Total Employees
Itron	West Union	Oconee	Corporate	Electronic Metering	N/A	100+	750
Gas Turbine Research Facility	Clemson	Oconee	University	Gas Turbine	N/A	N/A	N/A
USDA-ARS Cotton Quality Research	Clemson	Oconee	University	Cotton	N/A	N/A	N/A
Experimental Forest Operations Lab	Clemson	Oconee	University	Timber	N/A	N/A	NA
Asphalt Rubber Technology Service (ARTS)	Clemson	Oconee	University	Testing recycled scrap tired in rubberized asphalt	N/A	7	7
Wind and Structural Engineering Research	Clemson	Oconee	University	Wind effects on structures	N/A	7	7

