



The US state of South Carolina is the sister state to the Australian state of Queensland.

As a consequence of this relationship, the AIC was pleased to enter into a memorandum of understanding on 11 May 2007 with the University of South Carolina, based in Columbia, South Carolina. The party to the MOU with the AIC is the University of South Carolina Research Foundation (USCRF), an organisation that serves the faculty, staff and students of the University of South Carolina by providing research and commercialisation services.

The purpose of the MOU is to facilitate technology transfer and commercialisation between the two states. It achieves this by both organisations providing strategic support for each other's intellectual property services.

Under the MOU, both parties have agreed to manage the relationship by joint appointments that will exchange information, coordinate search and investigation activities to see if solutions or partners can be identified to meet enquiries made by the other party, and through an exchange program to gain a better understanding of the technology and corporate landscapes in the region where the other party resides.