SCI Systems, Inc., is recognized as a Fortune 500 company with more than a billion dollars in annual sales. Its 17 plants, comprising more than 2.6 million square feet of floor space, serve a diversified customer base in North American, Western European and Asian markets. SCI primarily designs, manufactures, markets and services electronic products and systems for the computer, aerospace, telecommunications, medical and banking industries, as well the U.S. government. It is one of the world’s largest electronics contract manufacturing firms and operates the largest surface mount technology (SMT) manufacturing capacity in the commercial market. The company’s success has been built on a foundation of high quality, responsiveness, and competitiveness.

SCI is headquartered in Huntsville, and its operational activities are carried out by a commercial division and a government division. The former operates within five geographically oriented business units, including eastern, central, western, European, and Asian regions, each of which have multiple plants that manufacture components, subassemblies, and finished products for original equipment manufacturers. They also offer customers a growing range of design, engineering, purchasing, and manufacturing support services, as well as a group of proprietary products.

The government division provides data management, instrumentation, communication and computer subsystems to the U.S. government and its prime contractors. In fact, the company was founded in 1961 as an engineering concern with such contractors and NASA as its principal customers. Quite early on, however, the decision was made to enter the commercial marketplace with a family of computers and peripherals, data acquisition and control systems, financial systems and other products. Subsequently the company entered the field of contract manufacturing for major computer producers, which was to set the stage for SCI’s most dramatic growth, which came in the ‘80s.

It was then that a strategic decision was made to increase the corporation’s contract manufacturing market through an emphasis on surface mount technology (SMT). SCI developed an efficient manufacturing capability through SMT as well as traditional methods, and rapidly built an impressive customer base. The company currently operates 75 SMT assembly lines, as well as 30 conventional assembly lines, worldwide. SCI employs some 10,000 employees in its operations.

As the company continues to grow, its manufacturing activities in electronics, precision metal working and plastic molding have kept pace in terms of expansion, attracting new customers to the corporation’s high-tech, high quality components. SCI engineers continue to seek out new and improved manufacturing processes to keep their products on the cutting edge of innovation. As one of Alabama’s most vital corporate citizens, the management of SCI is committed not only to its own growth and success, but to the progress and advancement of its employees and their community as well.