

Pantex INFO

Infrastructure, Staffing and Economic Impact

The Pantex Plant is located in the Texas Panhandle, 17 miles northeast of Amarillo in Carson County. Pantex covers approximately 18,000 acres (about 25 square miles). The DOE owns the northern 12,000 acres of the site, and leases the remaining 6,000 acres from Texas Tech (both numbers are approximate).

The majority of Plant operations are conducted on about 2,500 acres. The remaining land is managed under a service agreement between Texas Tech University and the DOE/NNSA Pantex Site Office.

Infrastructure

Pantex has about 643 buildings covering just over 3 million square feet, 48 miles of paved roads, and 461 miles of fences. There are 18 miles of steam/condensate lines, 28 miles of natural gas lines, 30 miles of domestic water main piping, 18 miles of electrical distribution lines and four water production wells.

Employment

There are approximately 3,600 full-time personnel employed at Pantex. Approximately 3,300 work for B&W Pantex, and the remaining employees work for the NNSA/DOE Pantex Site Office, the Federal Agent Facility Central Command Office of Secure Transportation (OST), the Tri-Lab Project Office, or Sandia's Weapons Evaluation Test Laboratory.

Labor Unions

The Metal Trades Council of Amarillo, AFL-CIO, is comprised of 12 unions that represent the Plant's production and maintenance employees. B&W Pantex and the MTC have a five-year labor agreement in effect until February 17, 2013.

The Pantex Guards Union represents the Plant's security personnel. B&W Pantex and the Pantex Guards Union have a five-year labor agreement that will be in effect until April 30, 2012.

Economics

The Pantex Plant has a \$1 billion annual impact on the area's economy, according to a study by Ray Perryman, a respected Texas economist and author.

Pantex's FY2010 funding is approximately \$600 million. The Plant's FY2009 expenditures totaled approximately \$517 million.

B&W Pantex's budgeted FY2010 payroll is \$280 million, plus \$108 million in fringe benefits. The FY 2009 payroll was \$261 million, plus \$102 million in fringe benefits.

B&W Pantex made approximately \$109 million in total purchases last fiscal year, including about \$29 million in the Texas Panhandle. Seventy-six percent of Pantex's purchases were made from small businesses, including more than \$12.7 million from small disadvantaged businesses and \$15.6 million from women-owned businesses.

When the Plant was renovated for nuclear weapons work in 1951, the cost was about \$25 million. The total FY 2008 Replacement Plant Value (RPV) for Pantex is approximately \$3.4 billion excluding programmatic real property, mobile equipment, land owned by DOE, and land leased from Texas Tech University. This cost reflects the total cost associated with the replacement of all facilities and infrastructure required for the mission of the Pantex Plant.

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