



Benton and Franklin Counties

- 7 FTE
- 39 Board of Directors Members

Industry Focus

- Research & Development
- Technology
- Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Retail
- Healthcare

Right in the heart of the Pacific Northwest, the Tri-Cities is the perfect place to grow your business.

Tri-City Development Council

Mission: It is the mission of TRIDEC to improve the economic health of the Tri-Cities area.

To achieve this mission, TRIDEC promotes economic diversification, facilitates job creation and retention, pursues new federal missions, supports stability in federally funded operations, advocates for and leads the Tri-Cities community on issues of economic importance.

Snapshot of Defense in Benton and Franklin Counties

The largest employer in the Tri-Cities area, Battelle, is a private, nonprofit organization that operates the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy. In addition, the HAMMER Federal Training Center, runs a Military Training Program on an 88-acre campus.



JOBS SUPPORTED BY DEFENSE CONTRACTS

470

2012 - 2014 average, direct and secondary



DEFENSE CONTRACTORS

55

Companies, 2015



INDUSTRIES

Other Construction **\$16.6 M**

Engineering and Technical Services **\$8.2 M**

Waste and Agricultural Services **\$5.7 M**

Computer Product Manufacturing **\$3.5 M**

Top industries by defense contracts revenue, 2012 - 2014 average



DEFENSE CONTRACTS VALUE PER CAPITA \$139 FY 2015



OCCUPATIONS

Construction and Extraction **50**

Installation and Repair **14**

Healthcare **11**

Building Maintenance and Cleaning **10**

Top direct occupations supported by defense contracts



TOP CONTRACTORS

1. Apollo Sheet Metal

2. Indian Eyes

3. TSS-Garco Joint Venture

4. Total Site Services

5. US Ecology Washington Inc.

Top five contractors by defense contracts amount, FY 2015

Sources: Office of Management and Budget, 2016; Washington State Department of Revenue, 2015; Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2015, 2016; Washington State Employment Security Department, 2016; Department of Defense, 2016; Community Attributes Inc., 2016.

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

PNNL's Department of Defense (DoD) Sector provides innovative technology solutions in support of our military as a strategically responsive force and deter, reduce and counter the threat of weapons of mass destruction. Leveraging our robust history of defense-related research with the Hanford Site, PNNL is well-suited to address next-generation military needs and challenges.

HAMMER Federal Training Center

HAMMER is a safety and emergency response training center run by the U.S. Department of Energy, established to train and educate nuclear waste cleanup workers and emergency response personnel. The facility provides training to Hanford Site workers, military, national and international emergency responders and Homeland Security personnel.



Photo courtesy of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory flickr. The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, located in Richland, WA, focuses on R&D for the federal government. Shown here, an engineer at PNNL tests the ultrasonic intrinsic tagging system to authenticate materials in nuclear weapons.

TRIDEC Support for Defense Contractors

TRIDEC routinely works to connect local contractors with federal government agencies.

Educate Business Owners on Best Practices

The **Small Business Development Center** at TRIDEC helps strengthen businesses through expert business advising, management training and market research. The SBDC is part of statewide network, and offers services free of charge. Business owners work with advisers who provide one-on-one technical assistance.

Connect Contractors with Government Agencies

TRIDEC helps manage the Bridging Partnerships Small Business Symposium, presented by the Hanford Small Business Council, which connects local prime contractors with government officials and procurement specialists.

Grow Local Businesses

TRIDEC promotes business investment and growth in Benton and Franklin Counties through comprehensive public relations and marketing campaigns, events, trade shows and targeted business marketing techniques. In addition, TRIDEC works regionally to align economic development goals and opportunities for economic growth.

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