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# Prepare for the Future

## Asset Transition

**D**uring FY 2002, the Fluor Hanford Asset Transition organization changed its focus from economic transition and job creation to transfer of assets from the Hanford Site to the local community through the Tri-Cities Asset Reinvestment Company (TARC), a subsidiary of the Tri-City Industrial Development Council (TRIDEC). Fluor continued to play a key role in the systematic transfer of surplus Hanford assets — heavy equipment, photographic-lab equipment, mechanical engineering lab equipment, drilling equipment and surplus drill yard and electrical yard items — to local companies and regional businesses. Revenues generated were used to help establish an incentive fund for business and industrial retention and recruitment.

The TRIDEC incentive fund was used to help attract a major pipe-distribution center to Richland, Washington. Preliminary reports from the state of Washington and TRIDEC indicate that the company will construct a large distribution center and create 130 new jobs in the area.

*Asset Transition is a function of Fluor Hanford that maximizes the transfer of usable, but excess government assets to the private sector.*

*Workers examine a refrigeration machine from the Hanford Site photo lab. The unit was excessed as part of the Asset Transition program.*



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Other activities for Asset Transition included the following:

- Obtaining DOE-RL approval on 22 high-reuse-value assets. Of the 200 total items to be removed by 2006, 77 had been removed by the end of FY 2002.
- Removing, and selling at auction, drill pipe from the 810 and 100 N yards. The sale produced substantial revenue for TARC's economic diversification reinvestment.
- Providing support for FFTF's plans to excess two backup diesel generators.
- Working with Fluor Global Location Strategies, as the firm completed several studies on economic development in the Tri-Cities.
- Removing a crane from the 400 Area and transporting it to TARC in Pasco, Washington.
- Removing water tanks used in drilling wells in the 200 Area and stainless steel tanks from the 2101-M Building.



*Workers in the 810 drill yard excess drilling pipe for transfer to the Tri-Cities Asset Reinvestment Company.*

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## Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center

The DOE evaluation team for the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) awarded Star Status to the HAMMER and Hanford Training organization in September. Only 500 businesses nationwide have achieved Star Status, given in recognition of the safety covenant shared by the workforce and management at the Star site. The first training organization in the nation to receive the prestigious award, HAMMER and Hanford Training are one of six Fluor Hanford projects to receive the DOE VPP Star. The Hanford Site has seven of these awards, more than any other DOE site in the nation.



*The Volpentest Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response (HAMMER) Training and Education Center is a one-of-a-kind worker-safety training facility. HAMMER features the hands-on use of realistic props and settings to save lives, reduce injuries, protect the environment and increase worker productivity. The facility comprises an 80-acre main campus and a 10,000-acre law enforcement campus. The center is dedicated to the Tri-Cities' community leader and training advocate, Sam Volpentest.*

*Harry Pettengill of DOE Headquarters presents the VPP flag to DOE-RL's Paul Kruger.*

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## HAMMER

Since it opened its doors in September 1997, HAMMER has recorded 137,090 Hanford student days (the number of days Hanford employees train at HAMMER). Hazardous waste classes, initial and refresher courses for basic medic first aid and respiratory protection, crane and rigging classes, and sessions for radiation workers and nuclear criticality are some of the training courses regularly held for Hanford workers. HAMMER also trains non-Hanford workers in a variety of subjects that concur with its mission. The number of non-Hanford student days at HAMMER has grown, and when combined with Hanford student days for FY 2002, the student days have increased 14 percent over FY 2001.

To avoid down-time or work stoppages because of untrained workers, HAMMER adds “just-in-time” special-release classes for Hanford workers. These classes support DOE-RL, Fluor Hanford, Bechtel Hanford, Inc., CH2M HILL Hanford Group and Fluor Federal Services.

HAMMER hosted its first rail-industry class, conducted by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad. The Radiological Fundamentals class prepared BNSF employees for transporting radiological materials. BNSF plans on holding several more classes at HAMMER, as its role in the shipment of radioactive materials increases.



*Crane and rigging classes are among the courses regularly held at HAMMER for Hanford workers.*

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In the area of Homeland Security, HAMMER hosted the following classes this quarter:

- Bio-terrorism responder training for the 10th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team of the Washington Army National Guard
- Hazardous materials technician class for the Hanford Fire Department, mutual-aid fire departments and federal agencies, conducted by the Emergency Response Training Institute, a not-for-profit company comprising instructors from the Seattle Fire Department
- International and domestic border security training classes and international first-responder classes conducted by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.



*Members of the 10th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team of the Washington Army National Guard participate in bio-terrorism responder training.*

## What's Next for the Future?

- Plan for a major decontamination and decommissioning training program featuring standardized and customized curricula, hands-on simulations, and mock-ups for Hanford Site cleanup. The program will support the Central Plateau Remediation Project and the River Corridor cleanup work.
- Work with the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) and the Northwest Public Power Association to present an OSHA 315 Tower Safety class. Tentative plans include constructing a communications tower to facilitate the hands-on portion of the class.