

# Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center

## Expectation:

Host, broker and provide training to the Hanford workforce with hands-on use of realistic props and settings to save lives, reduce injuries and increase worker productivity, and serve as a catalyst for regional training.

## Hanford Support Update:

- Student-day totals for the fiscal year rose 45 percent to 33,605, up from 23,227 in fiscal 1998. Most of the students were Hanford workers in Hazardous Waste Operations, Respiratory Protection, Rad Worker, and other Site-based courses.
- Delivered 454 classes this quarter. This included 360 classes for Hanford workers; many were part of the well received Worker-Training-Worker program.
- Staged a highly successful tank farm leak-detection emergency preparedness drill for the River Protection Project. By conducting the exercise at HAMMER, tank farm operators, health physics technicians, operating engineers, building emergency directors and shift managers could all take part.



*For the full fiscal year, HAMMER student-day totals were up 45 percent over the previous year. Customer satisfaction averaged 4.5 on a 1-to-5 scale. The photo shows members of the Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons' International Association learning techniques to erect safe scaffolds.*



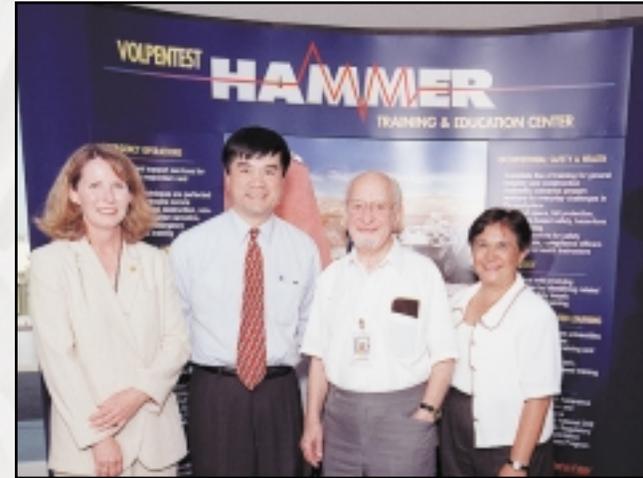
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## DOE Complex-Wide Support Update:

- 68 classes of National Transportation Program Regulatory Compliance Training were conducted by HAMMER this fiscal year, compared to 24 classes the prior year. Attendance increased 210 percent at a significant cost reduction to the program and DOE sites. Five sessions this coming year will take advantage of HAMMER's distance learning capabilities.

## Regional Training Update:

- HAMMER contributes to regional economic diversification by hosting local, state, national and international training. Its National Counternarcotics Center development program was initiated in July.
- Income is brought to the region by helping host events such as the International Aerial Robotics Competition, an International Atomic Energy Agency conference and Washington's Capital for a Day program.



*Washington Governor Gary Locke (second from left), a champion of education, conducted his Executive Cabinet Meeting at HAMMER when the Tri-Cities was Capital for a Day this summer. With him are Fluor Daniel Hanford HAMMER Director Karen McGinnis, community leader Sam Volpentest, for whom the Center is named, and DOE Richland HAMMER Director June Ollero.*

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