

THE FUTURE

Hanford cleanup activities develop assets — people, experience, land, buildings, research and training facilities — that can have a positive affect on our future. They can help solve national and global problems in food production, global warming, pollution and nuclear non-proliferation. The prime contractors and subcontractors at Hanford are implementing economic development initiatives aimed at weaning the Tri-Cities from dependence on federal cleanup dollars. These initiatives are being supported with grants and by freeing up valuable site resources for use by the private sector. Examples of these initiatives are a new industrial building to attract new businesses to the area, job-creation efforts, and providing technical assistance to entrepreneurs. The Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center is included in this outcome. HAMMER provides training for the Hanford Site cleanup mission and the DOE complex. The Center also augments economic diversification by creating a state-of-the-art regional training industry for students from across the nation and around the world.