



FACT SHEET

TRANSFER OF MOUND PROPERTY TO THE COMMUNITY MARKS DEFENSE CONVERSION MILESTONE

Office of Worker & Community Transition

Background and Challenges

From its inception in 1948, the Mound Plant in Miamisburg, Ohio evolved as a premier facility for the development and manufacturing of nuclear materials, weapons, and spacecraft power systems. Because of its long-term status as the city's largest employer, Mound was considered vital to the community's economic well-being. Thus, the Department of Energy's (DOE) announcement in 1993 of the site's closure came as a staggering blow to the region, the city and the Mound work force. The location of the 306-acre site in the geographic center of Miamisburg heightened community leaders' concerns about Mound's possible future as a padlocked, abandoned brownfield.

Community Accepts Defense Conversion

The community accepted responsibility for managing and reusing Mound's assets as they became available after environmental cleanup. The Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation (MMCIC) was formed as a Community Reuse Organization (CRO) that would drive economic development and reuse at the site. With DOE support, the MMCIC

partnered with the community in pursuing the vision of establishing Mound as an economically viable, privately-owned industry and technology park by 2005. The Department is committed to supporting early site closure activities including facility transfer and reuse of excess property. With DOE grants totaling \$14.7 million, the MMCIC has reached key milestones leading to the creation of the Mound Advanced Technology Center. The latest milestone is the recent transfer of a 14-acre parcel of land which includes two buildings representing 33,000 square feet of space from DOE to the community for leasing to private businesses. This marked the first step towards the transfer of the entire site to the community for reuse and redevelopment.



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“I believe that Mound represents an ideal opportunity for DOE to demonstrate its ability to complete its cleanup mission in a manner that is responsible to the taxpayer and sensitive to the employees and communities that supported these facilities throughout the Cold War. By making these important decisions, you have a unique opportunity to accelerate the transition and reuse process, building on Mound’s successes to date and reinforcing the site’s position as DOE’s model for defense conversion. No other site is so poised for success.”

-- United States Congressman Tony Hall

Community Success Stories

Positive Outcomes for Jobs and Businesses

- To date, the MMCIC’s economic development efforts — and the availability of restored DOE buildings, land, machinery and equipment — have resulted in the creation of 30 businesses and 270 new, high-value jobs as well as a projection of 550 more jobs by the year 2001.
- The CRO has leased 85 percent of the space available (200,000 square feet) to private companies and has sold or leased \$1.7 million in excess DOE equipment.

Cost Savings to the Federal Government

- The reuse of the site for industrial purposes is saving the Federal Government \$1 billion in environmental cleanup costs.
- DOE is realizing additional savings of \$150 million in maintenance and operating costs because cleaned up facilities are being put into productive, private-sector reuse rather than sitting idle.
- Instead of steadily draining Federal dollars, the Mound property will generate an additional \$30 million in Federal taxes and \$5.4 million in Miamisburg city taxes by the year 2005.



Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson presents a check for \$5 million to State of Ohio and local officials at a March 22, 1999 ceremony celebrating the first transfer of title to the first parcel of land to the MMCIC.

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