

## Economic Profile

# IBM Corporation

Manassas, Virginia

### BEFORE

Electronic components manufacturer

### AFTER



Security, Defense and  
Aerospace Companies



State Government  
Offices



Research Laboratories

## CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY EPA

From 1969 to 1994, IBM Corporation manufactured semiconductors and other electronic components at its 600-acre facility in Manassas, Virginia. Chemicals used for manufacturing processes were stored in tanks on the facility and contaminated soil and groundwater.

IBM is cleaning up the facility with oversight by the EPA RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program (formerly the RCRA Corrective Action Program) and assistance from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Now under new ownership and with cleanup well underway, the facility remains economically productive, with industry, business and government users employing 2,872 people, who earn an estimated total of \$334 million per year.



ANNUAL SALES

**\$1.5 billion**



EMPLOYEES

**2,872**



ANNUAL WAGES

**\$334 million**

For more information about RCRA and the economic benefits of site reuse, visit [www.epa.gov/hw/learn-about-hazardous-waste-cleanups](http://www.epa.gov/hw/learn-about-hazardous-waste-cleanups)





THE FACILITY STARTED OUT AS A HUB FOR INNOVATION AND ITS ONGOING CLEANUP ENSURES THAT LEGACY WILL CONTINUE.

IBM began cleaning up the facility in 1985. Chemical storage tanks and pipes were removed, as well as contaminated soil. To address groundwater contamination, IBM installed wells that extract groundwater and treat it on-site. Two systems were installed to extract and treat underground vapors. The property owners also put legal controls in place to restrict land use and groundwater use at the property and to prevent exposure to contaminated vapors and soil.

Only 30 miles from Washington, D.C., the prime location has attracted a variety of businesses. The eastern part of the facility hosts leading defense and aerospace companies, such as Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems. These companies work closely with the federal government to support U.S. military and space operations. Progeny Systems, a U.S. Department of Defense contractor, transformed IBM's former manufacturing buildings into its national headquarters.

George Mason University's Center for Infectious Disease Research Biomedical Research Laboratory is located on the western part of the facility. The state-of-the-art laboratory provides scientists space to research pathogens, including coronavirus and influenza.

From aerospace to biomedicine, the facility's businesses and other users support the local economy by providing nearly 2,900 jobs and generating nearly \$1.5 billion a year in annual revenues. The facility started out as a hub for innovation, and its ongoing cleanup ensures that legacy will continue.



The facility hosts the largest ENERGY STAR-certified data center market in the U.S., which is used to safely house computer and storage systems for companies.



The Virginia state government now has offices on the western part of the facility, including the Virginia Department of Health's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the Virginia Department of Forensic Science.