

## Economic Profile

# Seagate Technology

Omaha, Nebraska

### BEFORE

Computer disk manufacturer

### AFTER



Church



Childcare

### CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY EPA

The former Seagate Technology facility in Omaha, Nebraska, was once the site of a computer disk manufacturing facility. Several chemical spills and leaks occurred over the facility's 24 years of operation, resulting in contamination of soil and groundwater. The former facility operator cleaned up the facility with oversight from EPA's RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program (formerly the RCRA Corrective Action Program).

Today, the location supports a large church with childcare services, a preschool, a painting company and a publishing company related to the church. A social work business also operates at the facility in affiliation with the ministry, hosting group and individual counseling, classes, support groups and life coaching services. Thanks to the facility's cleanup, the church and its affiliated businesses are flourishing in the renovated facility, providing 71 jobs and generating nearly \$7 million in annual revenue.



ANNUAL SALES

**\$6.9 million**



EMPLOYEES

**71**



ANNUAL WAGES

**\$3.4 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 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY SITE HAS ALLOWED KING OF KINGS TO SET UP A CENTRAL PLACE TO SERVE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN OMAHA.

- Julie Eesley, Director, King of Kings Church

Seagate Technology, the facility's former operator, began evaluating and implementing technologies to clean up the facility's contaminated groundwater in 1989, and began groundwater pumping and treatment in 1990. The company also extracted contaminated vapors from affected soil present at that time. A local government ordinance is in place that restricts groundwater use at the former manufacturing facility.

With the facility's environmental concerns being addressed, the King of Kings church purchased the former manufacturing facility in 1994 and immediately began renovating the building. The congregation took a phased approach to the conversion of the manufacturing facility. The church hosts thousands of congregants and a variety of community and family services.

King of Kings preschool and childcare programs also operate at the church facilities. The programs take advantage of outdoor space and playgrounds for recreational activities, alongside daycare and cafeteria facilities inside the renovated building. The CORE Omaha provides counseling and life coaching services at the church. The CORE hosts individual, group and marriage counseling alongside support groups and educational seminars.

The church's charitable work benefits the local community. In 2020, church donations were used to help settle medical debt faced by over 2,000 families across Iowa and Nebraska as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The successful cleanup of the former Seagate Technology facility has allowed for its safe and productive redevelopment. Today, the former manufacturing plant is home to a large church congregation and affiliated businesses providing an array of religious, childcare and counseling services. Altogether, the church and its affiliated businesses provide over 71 jobs and an estimated \$3.4 in employee income per year.



The King of Kings childcare programs host infants and toddlers and provide indoor and outdoor space for activities.



The CORE provides counseling to people from both inside and outside of the church congregation.