

Texas Military Preparedness Commission Office of the Governor Army Futures Command 2020

MISSION

Army Futures Command leads a continuous transformation of Army modernization in order to provide future warfighters with the concepts, capabilities, and organizational structures they need to dominate a future battlefield. AFC is headquartered in Austin.

TENANT COMMANDS

Army Futures Command (AFC) is the newest command in the U.S. Army. Starting with 12 employees, the U.S. Army realigned a variety of entities to now form under AFC with over 24,000 soldiers and civilians. This realignment included the Army's Capabilities Integration Center and the new Combat Capabilities Development Command. Research elements include the Army Medical Research and Material Command and closer relations with major research universities to include Texas A&M University and the University of Texas.

Teams include the Long Range Precision Fires Cross-Functional Team; Next Generation Combat Vehicles Cross-Functional Team; Air and Missile Defense Cross-Functional Team; Soldier Lethality Cross-Functional Team; Synthetic Training Environment Cross-Functional Team; Network Command, Control; Communication and Intelligence Cross-Functional Team; Assured Positioning, Navigation and Timing Cross-Functional Team; and Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Team.

PARTNERSHIPS

AFC has a variety of partnerships to help grow opportunities and programs that support the AFC mission. Current partnerships include University of Texas Systems including the campuses of UT Austin, UT El Paso, and UT Rio Grande Valley with funding research in Science and Technology. Texas A&M University with the RELLIS Campus including the new Bush Combat Development Complex for innovation and applied research. Fort Hood provides installation services support for soldiers. Camp Mabry in Austin provides federal support services like storage and chaplain support. AFC also works with the Austin Chamber of Commerce and local contractors to develop and innovate new ideas to support the future of warfighting.

Variable	Total Impact
Direct Employment	586
Output to the Texas Economy (in millions)	\$359
GDP (in millions)	\$222
Disposable Personal Income (in millions)	\$135

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2019

OUTLOOK

AFC, with Austin Community College, was the recipient of a 2018 DEAAG award to build a Secure Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF). Austin, Texas was chosen to be the new headquarters for AFC in 2018 after a 150 metropolitan area search. AFC has since grown an extensive network across the country to supplement their new growth. In 2019, the U.S. Army awarded the State of Texas, UT System, and the City of Austin a community partnership award for outstanding collaboration. AFC is set to grow exponentially.

