



Texas Military Preparedness Commission

Office of the Governor

Army Futures Command

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OVERVIEW

Army Futures Command (AFC) leads the persistent modernization of the army to provide future warfighters with the concepts, capabilities and organizational designs needed to dominate a future battlefield. AFC integrates on a daily basis with entrepreneurs, scientists and businesses to employ an entrepreneurial spirit of accepting the risk of failure early and cheaply to create the best solutions for U.S. soldiers. Much of this work is accomplished through four subordinate, supporting commands, which operate through collaborative partnerships with industry and academia

UNITS & MISSIONS

Futures and Concepts Center (FCC) assesses threats and future operational environment, develops concepts, requirements and an integrated modernization path to increase lethality and over-match to enable Soldiers and units to win on future battlefields. Acquisitions and Systems (A&S) drives early innovative soldier solutions by integrating science, discovery, and experimentation to transform outcomes for Army problems. The Army Software Factory is an integrated software development initiative to teach, develop, and employ self-sustaining talent from all ranks within the Army and civilian workforce. Located on the Austin Community College (ACC) Campus, the factory's mission is to build digital proficiency across the Army that enables Soldiers and civilians to develop cutting-edge applications for current and future systems. The Army Applications Laboratory acts as a service across the Army's Future Force Modernization Enterprise and the broader commercial marketplace.

PROJECTS & PARTNERSHIPS

ACC was awarded \$4.98 million from DEAAG to support a new Software Factory and Innovation Center at AFC. The University Technology Development Division established two strategic partnerships in 2019: (1) with University of Texas-Austin for a three year cooperative agreement for \$25 million over the three years and (2) Texas A&M University five year cooperative agreement for a total of \$65 million over the five years. Both of these partnerships are different from other Army spending at universities because these partnerships are focused developing late-stage technologies for quick (less than 5 years) integration into Army capabilities. Most university efforts have 10-20 year outlook before integration. Army Applications Lab (AAL) dispersed \$37.5 million in contracts.

Variable	Total Impact
Employment (Direct)	970
Employment (Direct& Indirect)	8,757
Output to the Texas Economy (in Billions)	\$1.8
GDP (in Billions)	\$1.0
Disposable Personal Income (in Billions)	\$1.0

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2024

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates the population directly affiliated with AFC contributed at least \$1.8 billion to the Texas economy in 2023. The Comptroller's economic impact analysis represents a conservative estimate of the economic importance of AFC to Texas. Each installation's distinctive characteristics contribute to the Texas economy in different ways. This analysis uses a consistent model to determine the economic impact of each of the state's military installations to the state's economic growth. For more information about this assessment, please visit <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/military/2023/>.

