



U.S. Army Corps
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Huntsville Center

U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville

FACT SHEET

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Background

The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Ala., was established in 1967 as the Huntsville Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At that time, it had one mission - the ballistic missile defense program called SENTINEL. Since then, the scope of the Center's mission has evolved and diversified significantly to include a wide range of programs, or "product lines," found nowhere else in the Corps. To meet the challenge of our truly unique mission, the Center operates as a customer-focused, knowledge-based organization.

Customers First

Huntsville Center functions like a business in private industry. Our customers "buy" our services and products. Therefore, Huntsville Center's viability rests on the strength of our competitiveness and commitment to our customers. The type and amount of work the Center does is directly tied to our ability to generate and keep customers. Because our mission is not limited by geography, our customers come from throughout the U.S. armed forces as well as other federal agencies.

Key Processes

Although our programs change as national and military priorities evolve, our mission and functions are centered around four key processes. Through these processes, we consistently deliver quality products on time — and that's what keeps our customers coming back.

- *Engineering and Technical Services*
- *Program and Project Management*
- *Construction Management*
- *Innovative Contracting Initiatives*

MAJOR PROGRAMS

Chemical Demilitarization.

Corps of Engineers' Life Cycle Project Manager for the design, construction, equipment acquisition and equipment installation for the facilities being built to destroy the nation's toxic chemical weapons stockpile. This also includes support to Russia's program to destroy its chemical weapons and America's effort to destroy recovered chemical warfare materiel.

Ballistic Missile Defense.

Corps of Engineers' Program Manager for the design of tactical and tactical support facilities for National Missile Defense. Also provides support to the Defense Department's Theater Missile Defense program. Efforts include siting surveys, criteria development, and engineering support during construction.

Installation Support.

Partners with Corps of Engineers' Districts and Labs to provide support in the following areas: public works business processes, systems, training and contingency support; privatization and competitive sourcing; utilities, energy and electronic systems; facility operation, maintenance, repair and rehabilitation; fire protection; furniture and furnishings; environmental, ranges and training areas. Serves as the Corps' Installation Support Center of Expertise (ISCX).

Medical.

Supports the military medical community with design, construction, repairs, renovation or replacement of medical facilities along with the procurement of specialized medical equipment and furniture. Provides design and construction policies, criteria, specifications, and standards for the Defense Department, other federal agencies and foreign governments. Functions as the Medical Facilities Center of Expertise.

Ordnance and Explosives.

Detection and disposal of unexploded ordnance that poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or to the environment.

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