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Recently, the DOE/NNSA announced the formal transfer of ownership to Bannister Transformation and Development LLC, which will demolish obsolete facilities and environmentally restore the property.

“Transferring this property from federal to private ownership was a highly successful team effort involving several local, state and federal government agencies. I want to thank everyone who helped make this happen,” said NNSA Administrator Frank Klotz. “We have fulfilled our commitment to Congress and the residents of Kansas City to transfer this excess property in a timely and safe manner. In the process, we are saving hundreds of millions in future tax dollars that the federal government would have had to spend to decommission the site on its own.”

CenterPoint will project manage the demolition and remediation phase, which is expected to take up to six years. Environmental restoration will be overseen by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. While the final decision for property use will depend on future customer requirements, the property is ideally situated for future development of modern manufacturing and industrial buildings.

Recruiting for tomorrow’s national security engineers

This fall the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers held their national conference in Kansas City. More than 1,000 attendees stopped by the Honeywell booth to learn about the great jobs available at KCNSC.
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Data is rapidly growing at the KCNSC as well. Emerging technologies like additive manufacturing and simulation have proved fruitful for reducing cycle time and cost, but generate significant data in the process. The Big Data initiative at the KCNSC recognizes that the volume of data resulting from the design and manufacturing of nuclear weapon components is expanding. This data — if efficiently stored and analyzed — can provide insight that will yield substantial operational savings.

The Big Data Consortium was formed by Honeywell in late 2016 to promote the development and operation of an infrastructure for collecting, storing, and exploiting ‘big data’ across the KCNSC and the Nuclear Security Enterprise. The Consortium regularly collaborates with individuals from other national security sites, including Sandia National Lab, Los Alamos National Lab, Pantex, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, and Y12. It also includes representatives from academia including the University of Kansas, John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, the University of Oklahoma, and Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Honeywell is investing in the people side of big data as well. Jeffrey Burke, a chemical engineer, will pursue his master’s degree in data analytics at the University of Oklahoma, John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, the University of Kansas, John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, the University of Oklahoma, and Milwaukee School of Engineering. Honeywell is investing in the people side of big data as well. Jeffrey Burke, a chemical engineer, will pursue his master’s degree in data analytics at the University of Oklahoma, John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, the University of Kansas, John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, the University of Oklahoma, and Milwaukee School of Engineering.

To boost manufacturing skill pipeline, Honeywell is funding a new KC training and scholarship program. Manufacturing has an image problem. Despite high paying, long-tenured career options, people aren’t joining the field. According to the Department of Commerce, only 17 percent of people view manufacturing as a top career choice. Federal figures also show that only 8 percent of college students are enrolled in two-year certificate programs, which tend to be vocationally oriented.

Honeywell’s John Ricciardelli is on a mission to change that. Since taking the helm of Honeywell Federal Manufacturing & Technologies in Kansas City in 2016, his vision for the future has included developing ways to boost the manufacturing pipeline to operate the Department of Energy’s Kansas City National Security Campus. Honeywell has become one of the premier manufacturing employers in the region by offering an average starting hourly manufacturing labor wage in Kansas City of more than $36/hour.

“As manufacturing innovation continues, we must ensure our employees are trained to keep up with innovations and technology advancements,” said John Ricciardelli, Honeywell Federal Manufacturing & Technologies President. “Most of the education focus has been directed at filling the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) pipeline with engineers.

However, we see a bright future for students choosing trade skills as well.”

In the last year, Honeywell has hired 500 new people for manufacturing jobs such as assemblers, welders, machinists, and tool and die makers, and it’s likely to continue to grow. Overall, Honeywell has hired over 1,000 employees in 2017 and expects to increase its workforce to 4,000 by the end of 2018 to fulfill its national security mission.

This year, Honeywell launched the Honeywell Opportunity and Prosperity through Education (HOPE) scholarship program in partnership with local schools to help develop the next generation of highly skilled technical people. As part of the scholarship program, Honeywell pairs the students with a manufacturing mentor to provide insight on manufacturing positions available at the KCNSC. Scholarship award amounts vary and qualified students can receive a full scholarship depending on need and/or academic qualifications.

“Honeywell has a proud history rooted in Kansas City, said Ricciardelli. “Since opening in 1949, we’ve been recruiting highly skilled people from the region for our national security mission. Many multi-generation family members have enjoyed long successful careers here.”

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Honeywell working to close the gap on manufacturing labor shortage

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Honeywell and OU expand science and innovation collaboration

We’re proud to add The University of Oklahoma to the growing list of academic partners on nationalsecurity science & manufacturing research. The master collaboration agreement will help foster the exchange of ideas, research, equipment and personnel between the two organizations. Pictured (left to right) Kevin Baughn, Honeywell FM&T Principal Engineer; Robin Stubenhofer, Honeywell FM&T VP of Engineering; Dr. Kyle Harper, OU Senior VP and Provost; and Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, OU VP of Research.

2.7 Million baby boomers reaching retirement in 2016

785K manufacturing and production industry employees

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White recognized for workforce development by academia

Honeywell Manufacturing Lead Weston White recently accepted the Distinguished Business/Industry Award from the Missouri Community College Association. This prestigious award is presented annually to individuals and/or businesses that have engaged in significant partnerships with their local community college to stimulate economic activity and support community college students and programs. Weston has worked tirelessly on workforce development in partnership with the Metropolitan Community College for skilled trades including Machinists and Tool and Die Makers.

Honeywell Executive Chairman Dave Cote visits KC

Dave Cote has been a longtime supporter of Honeywell FM&T in Kansas City. During his 15 year tenure as Honeywell CEO, he specifically advocated for investment in our Global Security technologies and services. During a fall visit to Kansas City, Dave recognized the business development team for pursuit of new contracts, which resulted in winning the Honeywell Team Performance Award.
Warmth for the holidays  Honeywell leaders celebrated another successful KMBZ 98.1 FM Coats for Kids drive and $10k Honeywell challenge just in time for the chilly weather. Our employees and business neighbors really stepped up to meet the need by raising $21,000! In addition to financial contributions, employees also donated approximately 50 gently-used coats.

Security officers reunite lost dog with owner
On September 17, our security officers at the Bannister Federal Complex noticed a loose dog in the area. He was skinny and too scared to come to them, so they left food and water for him and started searching lost dog registries on Facebook. It didn’t take long to find a match. The owners said he had been missing for 30 days and were excited to learn we found him.

Albuquerque youth excited about STEM
More than 2,000 students attended the New Mexico STEM Discovery Fest co-sponsored by Honeywell and KCNSC. That’s a lot of future engineers!

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As many as 400 Honeywell employees are veterans, and that’s why these former U.S. military servicemen and women have a heart for helping homeless veterans right here in Kansas City. This effort was part of a larger collaboration with NNSA contractors at eight sites across the country to help military veterans on September 11. Click here to learn more.

Veterans serving veterans  We’re so proud of our employees veterans. They continue to serve our country through our mission at KCNSC and by helping other veterans in the community!