



Making a Difference in Our Community

The Volpe Center, part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technology Administration in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is an internationally recognized center of transportation and logistics expertise. The Center applies its unique multidisciplinary, cross- and multimodal technical capabilities to promote and enable technological and process innovation in response to and in the achievement of U.S. transportation goals and national priorities. The Volpe Center is funded entirely by its customers, which include federal, state, local, international entities, and the private sector. An anchor presence in Kendall Square since 1970, the Volpe Center has long been a good neighbor and stable contributor to the state's economy.

Economic Impact

Employment

- 1650 Federal employees and contractors (550 federal employees, 1100 contractors).
- Total obligations: \$230 million.
- 119th largest employer in Massachusetts; one of the top 10 largest in Cambridge.

Multiplier Effect

- 10,000 visitors annually contribute to the economy through accommodations, meals, and transportation.
- Volpe-sponsored forums for academia, industry, and government address critical transportation issues.

DOT Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

- Volpe Center manages DOT's multi-million dollar nationwide SBIR program.

Intellectual Impact

Talent Recruitment and Retention

- Collaborates with leading area universities.
- Hires over 35 students annually from more than 15 local colleges and universities including engineers, operations research and transportation analysts, and IT specialists.
- Member of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Industry Affiliates.

Committee Memberships

- Over 200 Volpe Center employees are involved with national and international transportation-related committees.

Volpe Center Technical Reference Center (Library)

- Fourth largest transportation collection in the country.

In the Community

One of the Largest Volunteer Programs in Cambridge—Established 1992

- Lunch Buddies Reading Program—Kennedy-Longfellow Elementary School in Cambridge; Science Olympiad Program—Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School; English as a Second Language—On-site Adult Education.

Combined Federal Campaign

- Volpe Center employees have contributed more than a million dollars to charities through the Combined Federal Campaign since 2000.

Environmental Leadership

- A recent industry sponsored energy audit determined that the Volpe Center's energy consumption performance is better than 75 percent of contemporary buildings. The Center also registered for U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Building certification. Recycling at Volpe recently doubled from 21 percent to 43 percent.

Volpe Day Care Center

- Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. It is open to the community.

Cambridge Chamber of Commerce—member since 1994.

Greater Boston Federal Executive Board—member since 1990.

Recognition

Recent Accolades

- Volpe Center Global Maritime Domain Awareness team won the prestigious "Innovations in American Government Award" from the Ash Institute at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
- The Volpe Center received the Robert J. Collier Commemorative Medallion from the National Aeronautic Association for contributions to the success of Federal Aviation Administration R&D efforts and the advancement of the Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast program.
- Received Combined Federal Campaign Hall of Fame award for 14 consecutive years.