

Space and Missile Systems Center has a nearly \$2 billion impact on Los Angeles area economy

The total economic impact of Air Force Space Command's Space and Missile Systems Center, located at Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo, Calif., on the local region is approximately \$1.8 billion.

The total economic impact of a base on its economic area is the sum of base annual payroll, expenditures and estimated dollar value of indirect jobs created.

Based on the analysis model developed by the Financial Management and Comptroller division of the office of the Secretary of the Air Force, in Fiscal Year 2011 LAAFB:

- Directly employed approximately 6,433 individuals (military, civilian and contractor), making it one of the area's largest employers.
- Indirectly created 13,294 jobs (for example, personnel hired by aerospace contractors to build SMC satellites).
- Increased its economic impact from \$1.77 billion in FY10 to \$1.82 billion.

In addition to its calculated impact, SMC serves as a draw for major production facilities for aerospace contractors such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon and others.

SMC is the Air Force's command center for researching, developing, acquiring and launching military space systems. Some of SMC's major programs are integral to modern life, particularly its GPS and weather satellites. Other SMC satellite systems support military communication and surveillance efforts.