WHAT WE DO

NETL is distinguished by its strategic focus on applied research programs that are directly linked to the laboratory’s aim of driving technology to the marketplace. NETL’s research addresses such national energy challenges as developing and deploying advanced energy conversion systems; development of materials, sensors, and advanced computer systems for future energy systems; enhanced natural gas and oil production and environmentally prudent resource development; safe and efficient natural gas transmission and delivery systems; unlocking methane hydrate resources; and carbon management.

NETL's core research competencies include computational science and engineering; materials engineering and manufacturing; geological and environmental systems; energy conversion engineering; systems engineering and analysis; and program execution and integration. NETL also possesses extensive project management capabilities that it uses to shape, fund, and manage research throughout the United States. The laboratory's research portfolio includes more than 816 projects and activities, with a total award value that exceeds $6 billion and private sector cost-sharing of more than $3 billion. In addition, NETL conducts studies of large, complex energy systems and the interactions among those systems. Published results of these studies supply analysis and insight that form a technical foundation for the policymakers responsible for providing direction and funds to meet national energy goals.
NETL OVERVIEW

SITE INFORMATION

237 Acres
112 Buildings
$549.5M Replacement Value

1,538 Full-time Employees
79 Joint Faculty
153 Postdoctoral Researchers
54 Graduate Students
38 Undergraduate Students

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Fossil Energy
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
Other Work

FY 2018 BUDGET

$968 million
$694 million
$172 million
$57 million
$45 million

REGIONAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS

NETL conducted an economic analysis using a state-level input-output model to quantify the laboratory’s total economic impact on the three states in which its laboratory research sites reside; Oregon, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The analysis revealed that NETL injected a total of $202 million directly into those states’ economies in 2017. These economic impacts include a total of 1,180 full-time jobs at NETL research sites, filled by federal and contractor employees, as well as NETL’s spending on grants, R&D awards, cooperative agreements, contracts, and purchase orders within the laboratory’s host states.

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