



ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF NETL UNITED STATES

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NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY

The U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is driving innovation and delivering solutions for an environmentally sustainable and prosperous energy future by ensuring affordable, abundant and reliable energy that drives a robust economy and national security, while developing technologies to manage carbon across the full life cycle, and enabling environmental sustainability for all Americans. NETL focuses on science and technology development leading to commercialization of low-cost, reliable energy that spurs economic development while mitigating technical and environmental risks. NETL continues to address critical energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing challenges that are cost effective, enable low-carbon supply chains, and create cleaner and better paying American jobs for sustained economic growth.

NETL conducted an economic analysis using an input-output (IO) model to quantify the laboratory’s economic impacts on the United States. The two tables below summarize NETL’s impacts on the national economy in 2020.

The first table includes employment and salaries of individuals employed in the United States at NETL as either federal employees or site support contractors (full-time equivalents), as well as NETL’s spending on grants, R&D awards, contracts, cooperative agreements, and purchase orders, within the country. The analysis revealed that NETL injected \$848 million (\$848M) directly into the nation’s economy in 2020.

Summary of NETL expenditures and number of on-site employees (U.S.)

Impact Category	
Federal Employment and Site Support Contractor (full-time equivalent jobs)	1,322
Total Expenditures	\$848M

NETL’s impact on the U.S. economy is greater than the lab’s total direct spending, because money spent by NETL is spent again by the recipient employees and businesses. This economic “ripple effect” is captured in the model through a series of multipliers that provide estimates of the impact of each dollar of direct spending cycling through the national economy in the form of additional (indirect and induced) spending, personal income, and employment. The analysis concluded that NETL had a total estimated impact of \$2.27 billion (\$2.27B) on the U.S. economy in 2020 (see table below).

NETL’s Total Economic Impact on the United States, 2020

Impact Category	
Jobs (direct, indirect, and induced full-time equivalent jobs)	12,004
Total Economic Impact (direct, indirect, and induced)	\$2.27B