

## Jefferson Technology Center

### Project Summary

The site that currently contains The Jefferson Technology Center has had a long and rich history, one that has seen improbable reuse of the site to meet changing economic trends. At the turn-of-the-century the site, which lies near the present-day intersection of State Route 51 and the Mon-Fayette Expressway (PA-43), produced whiskey on a fairly large-scale. Later, in the 1950's, Westinghouse established a testing facility there. This facility saw employment drop steadily in the 1980s until it was purchased in 2005 by JTC Real Estate Holdings. An influx of \$3million in private investment to the property ensued and the highly specialized testing equipment again saw regular use. Three new testing companies have opened on site specializing in chemical, seismic, pressure and shock testing. Employment is expected to increase from 67 to 117 employees by next year. Allegheny County Economic Development, after aiding in the acquisition of the property in 2005, is assisting in further rehabilitation of the 11 building, 265,000 square foot complex by administering a State RACP grant for construction. Further development of testing, laboratory and office space will make this facility more of an economic generator for the Mon-Valley and an asset to the regional economy as a small cluster of targeted, high-tech businesses.

### Funding Summary

RACP	\$500,000
Private Equity	\$2,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,700,000</b>



Seismic tables such as this at the Jefferson Technology Center simulate earthquakes so that materials can be tested for strength and endurance under such difficult-to-replicate conditions.



The Jefferson Technology Center is a good example of reuse of older structures to meet modern, high-tech needs. The smokestack at the right dates from the early 1900s.

