



FACTS ABOUT THE OMAHA WORKS 1958—1982

The Omaha Works is one of many locations owned by Western Electric, the manufacturing and supply unit of the Bell System. As part of the Cable and Wire Products Division, the plant's products can be categorized as cable and wire, network distribution products and station equipment.

Ground was broken for the Omaha Works on June 28, 1956. Construction began October 11, 1956 and was completed November 15, 1958.

During the 25-month construction period, the following items were incorporated into the plant structure:

- 12,770 tons of structural steel
- 43,000 concrete blocks
- 2,750,000 face bricks
- 20,000 electric light fixtures
- 1.5 million feet of electrical conductors

The Works today covers 340 acres of land, with 44 of these under roof. There are 2,072,000 square feet of gross floor space.

In 1981, the Works' Engineering Organization reduced the cost of manufacturing products by more than \$11 million and the payroll was more than \$91 million. The average number of employees for the year was 4,000.

Also in 1981, Western Electric paid approximately \$26 million to 705 suppliers of materials and services in 47 Nebraska towns.

Western Electric is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T). It includes 20 major manufacturing locations, plus distribution service centers and installation offices. Other components of the Bell System include Bell Laboratories, jointly owned by Western Electric and AT&T, and the associated Bell telephone companies. AT&T handles overall direction, planning and coordination of the Bell System.

SOME BELL SYSTEM FACTS - APRIL 1982

Western Electric

1. Western Electric President - Donald E. Procknow (PROC-know)
2. Western Electric Directors - 13
3. Western Electric Vice Presidents - 25
4. General Headquarters - New York City
Corporate Administration - Greensboro, N.C.
Bell Sales - Southgate; Morristown, N.J.
5. Founded - 1869, Cleveland, Ohio
6. Became part of Bell System 1882
7. Western Electric wholly owned by AT&T
8. Number of WECO employees - 168,000
9. Western Electric is the 22nd largest industrial corporation in terms of sales, according to the Fortune "500" directory.
10. 1981 Sales & Earnings
Sales - \$13,008 billion
Earnings - \$711 million
11. Major manufacturing locations - 20 in 17 states
12. More than 31 Service Centers
13. Material Management Centers - 7
14. Bell Sales Regions (7), Newark, NJ; Cockeysville, MD;
Atlanta, GA; Rolling Meadows, IL; Ballwin, MO; Aurora, CO; Sunnyvale, CA.
15. Most telephones are made at Indianapolis and Shreveport
16. Subsidiaries (5): Teletype Corporation, Nassau Recycle Corporation, Sandia Corporation, Manufacturers' Junction Railway, Bell Laboratories (owned 50 percent by WE and 50 percent by AT&T)
17. Engineering Research Center (ERC) New Jersey
18. Corporate Education Center (CEC) New Jersey

Manufacturing Division

19. Switching Equipment - Hawthorne Works, Oklahoma City Works, Dallas Works, Columbus Works, Northern Illinois Works
20. Transmission Equipment - Merrimack Valley Works, North Carolina Works, Richmond Works
21. Station Equipment - Denver Works, Indianapolis Works, Shreveport Works, Montgomery Works
22. Electronic Components - Allentown Works, Reading Works, Kansas City Works, Kearny Works
23. Cable and Wire - Atlanta Works, Baltimore Works, Omaha Works, Phoenix Works

American Telephone and Telegraph

1. AT&T Chairman of the Board - Charles L. Brown
2. AT&T President - William M. Ellinghaus
3. AT&T Directors - 17
4. The Bell System employs approximately one million people
5. AT&T has total ownership of 20 operating telephone companies (and also ownership of Western Electric and Bell Labs). AT&T has majority ownership of Pacific Telephone Company, and Pacific Telephone Company owns Bell Telephone Company of Nevada. AT&T has non-controlling ownership in Cincinnati Bell and Southern New England Telephone. (This is a total of 24 telephone companies.)
6. The Bell System services approximately 80 percent of the telephones in U.S.
7. AT&T annual dividend per common share \$5.40

Approximately 1,500 independent telcos in U.S.