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percent. This has major locational and design implications. To date, high tech plants have gone to states and areas that have not traditionally been industrial centres. Instead, they have concentrated along the east coast, particularly New England through to Florida, Texas and the south-west.

According to recent studies by the University of California - Berkeley Institute for Urban and Regional Development, there are several locational factors which have led to high tech dispersal patterns in the past, and which are expected to prevail in the future. For instance, the business, political and labour structures of traditional industrial regions are so oriented to existing industries that they tend to crowd out and deter new entrepreneurial ventures. Similarly, federal defence related activities have and continue to direct many locational decisions. With 75% of federal funding for R+D devoted to defense, many high-tech companies choose to locate near military establishments including smaller interior centres such as Huntsville, Alabama and Colorado Springs, Colorado. The latter has recently been selected as the location for the SDI National Test Facility. This can be expected to stimulate a range of associated new developments.

**Military installations and amenities are key locational determinants.**

The Berkeley study also confirmed the value of site and community amenities in attracting high tech industry but tended to discount the importance of access to a ready supply of skilled labour. This is a highly mobile group and can be fairly easily recruited. The study also found that proximity to university-based research centres, which was once considered of major importance for fostering high tech commercialization (as evidenced by the past roles of Stanford and the MIT/Harvard complex) is no longer of major importance. Some high tech centres, especially the newer ones, have no major research, university-based institutions. If anything, the labs of major private corporations such as Hughes, Rockwell and McDonnell Douglas, seem more important in stimulating the development of high tech industrial parks.

In terms of amenities, well-planned science parks with easy access to exceptional recreational areas, resort communities, hub