Texas Instruments’ headquarters was established in the 1950s adjacent to the Richardson border, and as TI evolved during the decades to become a semiconductor manufacturer, Richardson found itself with four TI fabs and a cluster of suppliers located in and nearby Richardson.

Semiconductor manufacturing talent migrated to Richardson proper with the establishment of a 150,000 sq. ft. Honeywell fab, producing chips only used in Honeywell products, and with VLSIP, a producer of semiconductors for medical devices. Also, Qorvo (originally Trident Semiconductor) began operations in an 800,000 sq. ft. fab that makes chips for mobile phones and military uses.

In 2003, TI announced it would build a 1.1 million sq. ft. fab in Richardson known as “RFAB.” The project was leveraged by TI with state and private contributors to provide nearby University of Texas at Dallas with $300 million to expand its engineering school. RFAB was the first LEED-certified fab and the first 300mm analog chip fab ever built. RFAB has been operational since 2008.

It’s unusual to find six major fabs within an area of about 30 square miles, but that concentrated presence ensures that all major suppliers to the industry have outposts nearby enabling rapid response to customer needs.

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Semiconductor employees within a 15-minute drive of Richardson vs. surrounding cities (Source: Jobs EQ, Q4 2018)