What is the Tennessee Valley Corridor?
The Tennessee Valley Corridor was organized in 1995 based on the ideas of former Tennessee Governor, now U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander, and former Tennessee Congressman Zach Wamp. In the 1980s, Governor Alexander had a vision to create an “Oak Ridge Corridor” to link the Department of Energy facilities in Oak Ridge, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the University of Tennessee to showcase the wealth of brainpower in the mid-East Tennessee region. In 1995 former Congressman Wamp founded an annual Science & Technology Summit to convene representatives from government, academia and business to collaborate on ways to bring greater attention to the economic impact of the Department of Energy missions in Oak Ridge.

These two complimentary ideas of a “Corridor and Summit” merged and resulted in the creation of a 501-c-6 organization, the Tennessee Valley Corridor (TVC), that now represents a footprint of 12 congressional districts in Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina. Through the leadership of its 35-member board of directors, the TVC convenes an annual National Summit, promotes initiatives to advance the TVC’s mission and to encourage on-going collaboration in energy, science, environment, space, national security and education.

How can you get involved With the TVC?

TVC Summit
The TVC Summit is one of the Southeast's longest running science and technology conferences. TVC Summits have been held in the Tri Cities (TN/VA), Oak Ridge/Knoxville, Huntsville, Asheville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Tullahoma, Murfreesboro, Cookeville, Washington, D.C. and Somerset.

Each May, more than 300 government, business, academic and community leaders from the TVC’s five-state region come together to interact with members of the TVC Congressional Caucus, government officials, major federal contractors, and college and university leaders. During the two-day event partnerships and business development opportunities are developed, ideas shared and useful connections are established.

Go to the TVC website to see attendance and sponsorship opportunities that are available to you.

TVC Leadership Council
The TVC Leadership Council is an opportunity for companies and organizations to enhance their participation and involvement in TVC’s regional activities throughout the year. Members are engaged in the formation of Summit themes, content of the annual TVC Federal Agenda, focus areas of TVC initiatives, and providing overall input to the TVC Board of Directors.

Go to the TVC website to see how to join the Leadership Council and the benefits of membership.

Current Leadership Council members:
TVC INITIATIVES:

FEDERAL AGENDA
Annually, the TVC board of directors, in consultation with members of the Leadership Council and other partners, prepare a TVC Federal Agenda with recommendations on important issues. The agenda is submitted to the 12-member TVC Congressional Caucus, which is co-chaired by Congressman Chuck Fleischmann and Congressman Phil Roe.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSORTIUM
The 50-plus community colleges in the TVC are important assets throughout the five-state region. They provide workforce development, entrepreneurial, technology and academic programs to support federal employers in the Corridor. The TVC Community College Consortium allows these intuitions to more effectively collaborate with major TVC federal partners and members of the TVC Congressional Caucus.

VENTURE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM
The numerous Venture Development (VDO) organizations in the TVC provide support and assistance to entrepreneurs during all phases of start-up and maturing of new companies. The TVC VDO Consortium organizes opportunities for these companies to be showcased at the TVC Summits.

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE
The Tennessee Valley Corridor's Advanced Manufacturing Initiative (AMI) seeks to encourage and facilitate collaboration between federal partners engaged in advanced manufacturing and those in the private sector. Focus areas of discussion include workforce development, cyber security and advanced manufacturing technologies.

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE TVC?
Through your participation in the TVC, you can:

• Engage and interact with key leaders in government, business, community, and academia.
• Participate in important regional discussions that impact the federal missions in the TVC.
• Learn about contracting opportunities with the region's federal partners and their contractors.
• Get involved in TVC's initiatives.
• Help shape the future focus of the TVC.

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