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2023 FEDERAL AGENDA

The Tennessee Valley Corridor's Board of Directors, in consultation with members of the TVC Leadership Council and other partners, annually prepares a TVC Federal Agenda with recommendations to promote the TVC's national leadership in science and technology through regional cooperation. Our mission is to sustain the Tennessee Valley Corridor's existing federal missions, compete for and attract new federal and state investments, and leverage those investments for more private sector job creation.

Support **NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC)** leadership in complex system design, development and integration, science payload operations, technology development, and scientific research. Continued support for NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) and Human Landing System (HLS) Programs, and the advancement of MSFC leadership in critical habitation systems and space nuclear propulsion to execute NASA's Moon 2 Mars Mission.

Support the missions at **Y-12 National Security Complex** to sustain the nation's nuclear deterrent and support global nuclear security, including continuing funding for the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF), Lithium Processing Facility (LPF), weapons dismantlement and nonproliferation down blending programs, as well as infrastructure upgrades and expert workforce development.

Support the **Department of Energy's** investment in the **Oak Ridge National Laboratory** to advance science, technology and user facilities for clean energy, national security and the industries of the future.

Support the vital **Environmental Management** and cleanup work on the Oak Ridge Reservation, Redstone Arsenal, and across the TVC region to remove risks and hazards, enhance safety, open land for redevelopment, and modernize our federal campuses to advance important federal missions.

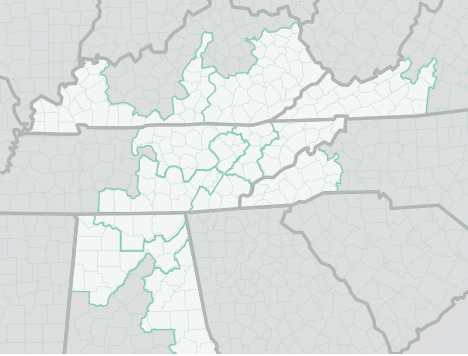
Support the **Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA)** programmatic approach to advanced nuclear technology deployment as one of several innovative pathways toward meeting its decarbonization goals, including workforce training and supply chain development in the Valley to support the initial Small Modular Reactor at TVA's Clinch River Nuclear Sites and projects.

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Support the Department of Defense and other federal personnel and assets at **Redstone Arsenal, Fort Campbell, Anniston Depot, and Arnold Air Force Base**, which support our national interests at home and abroad especially in space, air, and missile defense.

Support for the immediate confirmation of the U.S. Air Force's comprehensive evaluation process and objective decision to locate the **U.S. Space Command** headquarters on the Redstone Arsenal.

Support for hypersonic testing infrastructure modernization at **Arnold Engineering Development Complex (AEDC)** for its unmatched flight and propulsion testing of our nation's aircraft, spacecraft, weapons systems, and satellite assets.

Support the efforts of the **TVC's Research Universities, ORAU**, and our **Community Colleges** as they develop partnerships that leverage research capabilities and create science, technology, and internship and apprenticeship programs to meet the workforce needs of the region's employers.

Support the continued partnerships between **The Center for Rural Development, Appalachian Regional Commission**, and many other Corridor partners in advancing broadband, economic development, workforce development, and critical infrastructure programs across our rural communities.

Support continued federal investments and incentives in advanced **clean energy and transportation** technologies, including nuclear, electric vehicles, smart grid, and batteries.

Support of a regional approach and response to the Department of Commerce's **Regional Technology and Innovation Hub** economic development initiative.

Support for increased congressional engagement on **federal small business contracting** issues to address existing staffing challenges, security clearance timelines, and more flexible contracting/procurement procedures.

Support for greater alignment and collaboration between federal, state, and local efforts in developing a **high-quality workforce** with the amenities and essential services needed to grow, attract and retain skilled talent in our region.

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