

ZO25 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 engineering and integration of space transportation systems, 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, including environmental control and life support systems, logistics and space nuclear propulsion to execute NASA Missions.

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 deliver scientific advancements and technical innovations in nuclear energy, advanced manufacturing, isotope development for new radiopharmaceuticals, and quantum science for energy and national security applications. Promote regional tech-based economic development and innovation through the Laboratory's Innovation Crossroads entrepreneurship program and the University of Tennessee-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute to provide economic benefit to the nation.

Support the **Tennessee Valley Authority's** (TVA) efforts to ensure affordable, reliable, and resilient power, unleashing American energy and growth in the Tennessee Valley region. Support TVA's plan to build generation and transmission infrastructure to power new job creation and continued energy security for both businesses and homes. Support investments in innovative technologies such as advanced nuclear technology deployment and the initial Small Modular Reactor at the TVA Clinch River Site. Support the vital partnerships and initiatives that advance workforce training and supply chain development to make the country and region competitive. Support the prompt nomination and confirmation of TVA Board nominees to ensure continuity and strong governance at TVA.

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

Support for our congressional delegation in successfully relocating the **U.S. Space Command** headquarters and the critical missions needed to support the command to the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville.

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

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, our Community Colleges and other federal, state, and local partners 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 for urgent solutions and 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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