



TENNESSEE VALLEY CORRIDOR 2026 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), Agile Radiation Case Campus (ARCC) including the Uranium Production and Weaponization Testbed (UPWT), weapons dismantlement and nonproliferation down blending programs, as well as production modernization, infrastructure upgrades and expert workforce development.

Support the **Department of Energy's** investment in **Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)** to address US energy and national security mission through advancing nuclear solutions for the nation, the future of computing, and secure and resilient energy systems. ORNL's unique capabilities in isotopes, fission, fusion, quantum network, grid, and the circular bioeconomy position the Laboratory to accelerate scientific discovery, reduce technology development timelines, and deliver deployable solutions to complex national challenges that create economic benefit for 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 Pentagon's investments in new facilities and upgrades, as well as electrical grid modernization, increased megawatt capacity, and energy resilience at **Arnold Engineering Development Complex (AEDC)** to sustain mission growth, enable next-generation hypersonic testing capabilities, and protect prior federal investments in one of the nation's most critical aerospace test assets.

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 the successful relocation of 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 the Department of Energy-led **Genesis Mission** to unite the country's AI efforts for breakthroughs in energy dominance, science and technology challenges, and national security efforts.

Support new and continued federal investments in **Quantum Technology**, including quantum computing, networking, and sensing capabilities.

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 deployment, economic development, law enforcement, tourism, 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.

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