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ETEC board commends Tennessee Valley Corridor

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OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — The board of directors of the East Tennessee Economic Council recently adopted the following resolution in support of the work of the Tennessee Valley Corridor:

"Since 1995, the Tennessee Valley Corridor has served as an important catalyst for economic growth. It has been our partner as we worked to re-build the basic building blocks of the region—industry, education, science and technology.

"The Corridor is an amalgamation of men and women joined together for one purpose: to build better communities. Its accomplishments across Tennessee, in Kentucky and Alabama, and now in North Carolina speak for themselves. Research and technology parks have been built. Major science and technology programs initiated. Manufacturing facilities like Volkswagen and Alstom are ramping up for production. New energy plants to create solar energy, bio-fuels and nuclear power are underway. Programs like America's Veterans to Tennessee Engineers have been created to put our neighbors and friends to work. A new initiative, the TVC Nuclear Energy Coalition, is just getting underway to build regional infrastructure to support the nuclear renaissance. All that happened because together we convened, we challenged ourselves, and we worked together for a brighter future for our region.

"We want to commend the leadership of the Corridor -- many of whom came from Oak Ridge companies -- for these last 15 years for their dedication, for their willingness to try something different, and for their hard work in building strong regional relationships that we hope last for years to come."

Jim Campbell, President
East Tennessee Economic Council

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