

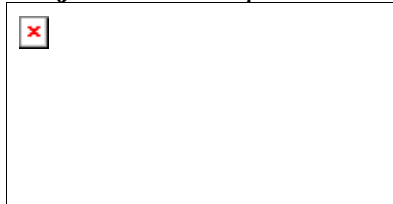
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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Oak Ridge Economic Partnership is an economic development corporation in Oak Ridge, TN and a partner in Innovation Valley Inc., a regional economic development initiative. The Oak Ridge National Laboratory is vital to the growth and success of both our community and region. The resources available at the lab are second to none and are indeed paramount to economic development success in the region.

One such example of this success includes the VW assembly plant announcement in Chattanooga, TN. ORNL and its technology capabilities were instrumental in landing this \$1 billion manufacturing win for our entire region. We are working closely with ORNL to land secondary and tertiary suppliers in the Innovation Valley region. Without question, ORNL is an economic driver for the Knoxville/Oak Ridge Innovation Valley.

We include collateral material pertaining to ORNL in our prospect packets to showcase this truly unique asset to our community. Those materials include information on the new Science & Technology Park. The park will be anchored by Pro2Serve, an Oak Ridge company who decided to locate its corporate headquarters in the Science & Tech Park to have access to the various Department of Energy programs with which it collaborates. The Science & Tech Park also hosts the Commercialization Facility which enables startup companies licensing technology from the Lab the advantage of locating on the ORNL campus.

One of the key program areas of the Innovation Valley Inc. regional economic development strategy is Technology and Entrepreneurship. This program area is being led by the Oak Ridge Economic Partnership and our relationship with the Lab is vital in its success. We look forward to continuing a long-standing relationship that is mutually beneficial to both our local and regional economies and ORNL.

Sincerely,



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