directed to the local Social Security Office.


The Tennessee Valley Authority conducts a unified program of resource development for the advancement of economic growth in the Tennessee Valley region. The Authority’s program of activities includes flood control, navigation, electric power production, recreation improvement, and forestry and wildlife development.

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is a wholly owned Government corporation created by act of May 18, 1933 (16 U.S.C. 831–831dd). All functions of the Authority are vested in its three-member Board of Directors, the members of which are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The President designates one member as Chairman.

TVA’s electric power program is financially self-supporting and operates as part of an independent system with TVA’s system of dams on the Tennessee River and its larger tributaries. These dams provide flood regulation on the Tennessee and contribute to regulation of the lower Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The system maintains a continuous 9-foot-draft navigation channel for the length of the 650-mile Tennessee River main stream, from Paducah, KY, to Knoxville, TN. The dams harness the power of the rivers to produce electricity. They also provide other benefits, notably outdoor recreation.

The Authority operates the river control system and provides assistance to State and local governments in reducing local flood problems. It also works with other agencies to encourage full and effective use of the navigable waterway by industry and commerce.

The Authority is the wholesale power supplier for 159 local municipal and cooperative electric systems serving customers in parts of 7 States. It supplies power to several Federal installations and 63 large companies whose power requirements are large or unusual. Power to meet these demands is supplied from dams, coal-fired powerplants, nuclear powerplants, combustion turbine installations, and a pumped-storage hydroelectric plant; U.S. Corps of Engineers dams in the Cumberland Valley; and Aluminum Company of America dams, whose operation is coordinated with TVA’s system.
In economic and community development programs, TVA provides technical assistance in areas including industrial development, regional waste management, tourism promotion, community preparedness, and vanpool organization. It works with local communities and groups to develop maximum use of available area resources. Working with regional learning centers, businesses, and industries, the Authority has identified skills that are needed in the high-technology job market and has set up training centers.

At Muscle Shoals, AL, TVA operates a national laboratory for environmental research, focusing on the cleanup and protection of the Nation’s land, air, and water resources. Projects include development of methods for reducing nonpoint source pollution from groundwater runoff, contaminated site remediation, bioenergy research, and industrial waste reduction. The work is centered on preventing and correcting environmental problems that are barriers to economic growth. TVA also operates the Public Power Institute, a research laboratory and a public-policy clearinghouse for energy and environmental issues.

In cooperation with other agencies, TVA conducts research and development programs in forestry, fish and game, watershed protection, health services related to its operations, and economic development of Tennessee Valley communities.

Sources of Information

**Citizen Participation** TVA Communications, ET 12A, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902–1499. Phone, 865–632–2101.

**Contracts** Purchasing, WT 4D, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902–1499. Phone, 865–632–4796.

This office will direct inquiries to the appropriate procurement officer.


**Employment** Human Resources, ET 12A, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902–1499. Phone, 865–632–3222. (Other personnel offices may be contacted at other major locations.)

**Environmental and Energy Education** BR 4F, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402–2801. Phone, 865–751–4624.

**Environmental Research Center** TVA Reservation, P.O. Box 1010, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661–1010. Phone, 256–386–2026.

**Environmental Quality** Environmental Services, LP 5D, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402–2801. Phone, 423–751–2293.

**Land Management/Shoreline Permitting** Land Management, FOR 3A, Forestry Building, Ridgeway Road, Norris, TN 37828. Phone, 865–632–1440.


**Maps** Maps Information & Sales, HB 1A, 311 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402–2801. Phone, 423–751–6277.

**Medical Services** Health Services, EB 8A, 20 East Eleventh Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402–2801. Phone, 423–751–2091.

**Publications** TVA Communications, ET 6E, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902–1499. Phone, 865–632–8039.

The Trade and Development Agency’s mission is to promote economic development in, and simultaneously export U.S. goods and services to, developing and middle-income nations in the following regions of the world: Africa/Middle East, Asia/Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the New Independent States.

The Trade and Development Program was established on July 1, 1980, as a component organization of the International Development Cooperation Agency. Section 2204 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (22 U.S.C. 2421) made it a separate component agency. The organization was renamed the Trade and Development Agency (TDA) and made an independent agency within the executive branch of the Federal Government on October 28, 1992, by the Jobs Through Exports Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 2421).

The Trade and Development Agency assists in the creation of jobs for Americans by helping U.S. companies pursue exports and other overseas business opportunities. It funds feasibility studies, orientation visits, training grants, business briefings, and various forms of technical assistance in support of specific projects, enabling American businesses to become involved in the planning of infrastructure and industrial projects in emerging markets. Working closely with a foreign nation sponsor, TDA makes its funds available on the condition that the foreign entity contract with a U.S. firm to perform the study. This affords American firms market entry, exposure, and information, thus helping them to establish a position in markets that are otherwise difficult to penetrate.

The Agency’s focus is the planning phase of major infrastructure and industrial projects. It is involved in several sectors, including: agriculture, aviation, energy, environment, health care, manufacturing, mining and minerals development,