



## Points of Pride in Alternative Fuels

Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District

### Giles County

- In July 2023, *Drive Electric Tennessee*, working alongside *PES Energize*, facilitated a “Driving EV Leadership” event in Pulaski. The goal of the event was to engage local government representatives, local power companies and their stakeholders, community leaders, businesses, and other organizations to help their region develop familiarity with electric vehicles, and further develop their plans to accept and adopt electric transportation in Tennessee.<sup>1</sup>

### Lawrence County

- *Lawrenceburg Utility Systems (LUS)*, the *Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)*, *Seven States Power Corporation*, *Edward's Oil*, and the *Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce* held a ribbon-cutting for a new electric vehicle (EV) fast charging station located at 2347 Highway 43 South in Leoma. This project was completed as a part of the Fast Charge TN network. These stations are available 24/7 for public use and are the first fast chargers located alongside either Highway 64 or Highway 43 in Tennessee!<sup>2</sup>

### Warren County

- *Unitech North America, LLC* announced plans to establish its first U.S. manufacturing operations in Warren County. The Morrison location will specialize in the production of thermal adhesives and battery compression pads for electric vehicle battery manufacturers across the Southeast as well as industrial adhesives and sealers for its automotive customers. Unitech North America, LLC officials announced the company will invest \$30 million to locate their first U.S. facility in Tennessee. In phase one of the project, Unitech will create 75 new jobs in Warren County with plans to grow through future expansions.<sup>3</sup>
- *Warren County Schools* will receive funding to replace five older diesel school buses with new all-electric school buses as a result of the EPA's first Clean School Bus Program Grants competition.<sup>4</sup>
- *Motlow State Community College's McMinnville Campus* recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for its Automation and Robotics Training Center Expansion. The facility will house a new Electric Vehicle Technology

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<sup>1</sup> East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition (July 20, 2023). *Driving EV Leadership*. Drive Electric Tennessee. <https://www.driveelectrictn.org/dev/>

<sup>2</sup> TDEC OEP's *Monthly Transportation Edition*. (June 2023). <https://t.e2ma.net/webview/6jhpfi/a549235f253dc57e930eb553857a7886>

<sup>3</sup> Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. (January 11, 2024). *Governor Lee, Commissioner McWhorter announce Unitech North America, LLC to establish first US Manufacturing Operations in Warren County*. <https://tnecd.com/news/governor-lee-commissioner-mcwhorter-announce-unitech-north-america-llc-to-establish-first-us-manufacturing-operations-in-warren-county/>

<sup>4</sup> *Biden-Harris Administration announces nearly \$1B in awards for clean school buses across the nation as part of Investing in America Agenda* (January 8, 2024). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-nearly-1b-awards-clean-school-buses-across>

program, which will begin in Fall 2024. The two-year program will give students hands-on experience and the credentials necessary to service EVs, batteries, and charging stations. Classes available in the program include electrical components, steering and suspension systems, EV power and propulsion, and CAD for electronics.<sup>5</sup>

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<p>According to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, the following benefits are currently being enjoyed by individuals and businesses across the Volunteer State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 191,000+ Electric Vehicles manufactured in Tennessee since 2013.</li><li>• \$16.2+ Billion in Capital Investment from EV projects since 2017.</li><li>• 200,000+ EVs projected on Tennessee roads by 2028.</li><li>• Tennessee is ranked #1 in the Southeast for EV manufacturing employment and investment.</li><li>• Four major OEMs are currently manufacturing in Tennessee.</li><li>• 12,300+ New Job Commitments since 2017.</li><li>• 20,800+ Tennesseans are employed by companies with EV operations.</li></ul>	<p><b>Daniel Siksay</b>, <i>Chief of Staff, East TN</i> 865-974-9665, <a href="mailto:daniel@etcleanfuels.org">daniel@etcleanfuels.org</a></p> <p><b>Chris Black</b>, <i>Development Director, East TN</i> 865-974-0721, <a href="mailto:chris@etcleanfuels.org">chris@etcleanfuels.org</a></p> <p><b>Alex Strong</b>, <i>DET Director, East TN</i> 865-974-1880, <a href="mailto:alex@driveelectrictn.org">alex@driveelectrictn.org</a></p> <p><b>Alexa Voytek</b>, <i>Coordinator, Middle-West TN</i> 615-532-0238, <a href="mailto:alex.voytek@tn.gov">alex.voytek@tn.gov</a></p> <p><b>Mark Finlay</b>, <i>Energy Analyst, Middle-West TN</i> 615-253-3676, <a href="mailto:mark.finlay@tn.gov">mark.finlay@tn.gov</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.TNCleanFuels.org">www.TNCleanFuels.org</a></p> <p>East TN Clean Fuels is hosted at ISSE, which is a part of the Tickle College of Engineering at UT Knoxville.</p> <p>Middle-West TN Clean Fuels is hosted at TDEC.</p>

<sup>5</sup> Motlow State Community College. (October 25, 2023). *Motlow Commences ARTC Expansion Construction*. <https://www.motlow.edu/news/2023/artc-expansion-groundbreaking.html>