The East Tennessee Technology Park’s Heritage Center offers...

**Valuable Assets**
The East Tennessee Technology Park’s Heritage Center was once home to the historic K-25 Plant, a U.S. Department of Energy gaseous diffusion facility. Construction of the plant began in the 1940s as part of the U.S. Army’s Manhattan Project. The plant’s mission was to produce highly enriched uranium for nuclear weapons and later for nuclear power generation. Uranium production ended in 1985.

Today, the assets of Heritage Center are being made available to private industries. The site is getting a second life through a unique process called Reindustrialization. Parts of the vast complex are available for lease. Equipment and reusable materials are available to companies interested in leasing, performing cleanup work, or recycling.

Heritage Center has facilities for lease that are ideal for all types of industry, from high-tech production to assembly to machining to manufacturing. Many buildings include ready-to-use equipment—such as cranes and machine tools. To serve telecommunications needs, a new telephone switching system is available that includes high-capacity business lines and ISDN via fiber optic connectivity.

Heritage Center buildings contain sprinklers, fire mains, sanitary and potable water, and industrial electric service. The Tennessee Valley Authority provides electricity in quantities and at rates that are among the most competitive in the country. The Center has an extensive educational infrastructure, roads, and rail lines. A network of deep-channel rivers connects the Heritage Center to the river transport systems of the Ohio, Mississippi, and Tombigbee rivers.

**Regional Resources**
- **Work Force:** Potential employees include highly trained professionals, technical staff, and skilled and unskilled labor.
- **Regional Industrial Base:** Major industries in the region manufacture aluminum, aircraft parts, agricultural products, specialized chemicals, textiles, and automobile equipment.
- **Business Center:** Oak Ridge is the core of the Tennessee Valley Technology Corridor, and nearby Knoxville is a national business and financial center.
- **Location:** The Center is only minutes away from the intersection of I-40, I-75, and I-81, the major north/south and east/west interstates. In fact, Oak Ridge is located within one day’s drive of more than 80 percent of major U.S. metropolitan areas. Twelve airlines serve nearby Knoxville’s airport.
- **Living:** With cultural and recreational opportunities, a low cost of living, and no individual state income tax, the region’s quality of life is nationally highly rated.
- **Education:** Oak Ridge City’s “Gold Star” schools are consistently ranked among the best in the nation, and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville is listed among The Princeton Review’s Best Colleges, ranked among the best in the nation, and the University of Tennessee is among The Princeton Review’s Best Law Schools.
- **Recreation:** The area supports professional football, hockey, and baseball teams along with the many sporting events at the University of Tennessee. Oak Ridge is within an hour’s drive of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Big South Fork Recreation Area, Cherokee National Forest, and seven major lakes.

**Cultural life** includes museums, orchestras, community theater, outdoor concerts, public libraries, a zoo, and the annual Mayfest and Dogwood Arts festivals.