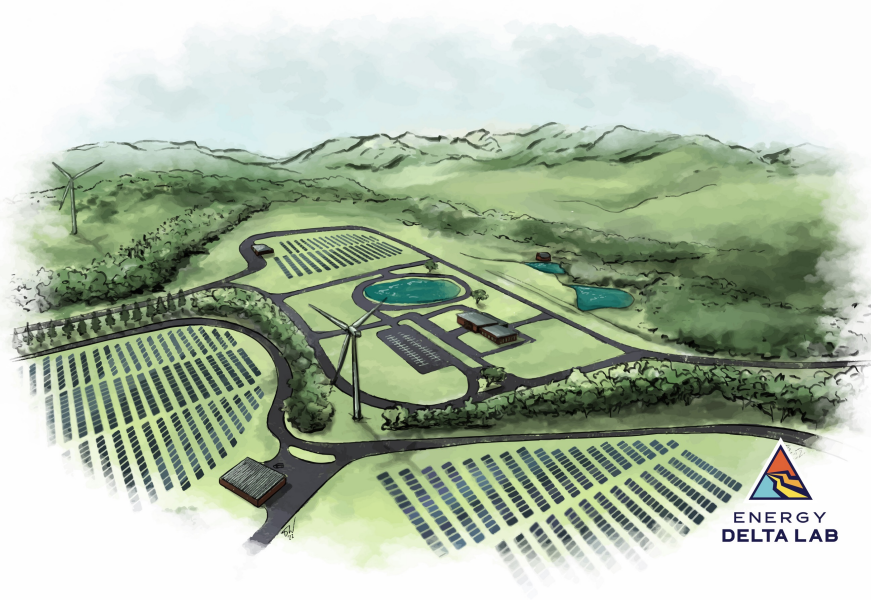


# Southwest Virginia Partnership for Energy Workforce Development

**Challenge:** *“By developing a regional growth cluster supporting workforce development for innovative and clean energy technologies via education and job training programs, the Commonwealth of Virginia can strategically position itself as a global leader in clean energy while also spurring a long-overdue transition and diversification of southwestern Virginia’s regional economy and its workforce.”*

### Developing the Coalition for Action:

- Identify an advisory committee representing the coalition
- Engage the advisory committee to:
  - Develop a strategic plan for the coalition objectives and priorities aligned with DOE’s Justice40 Initiatives
  - Develop a timeline
  - Define the mission of the coalition
  - Identify community leaders in targeted communities
  - Identify additional coalition members
  - Identify stakeholders
- Execute strategic plan



### Initial Partners:

- Energy DELTA Lab
- InvestSWVA
- Southwest Virginia Energy Research and Development Authority
- Virginia Department of Energy
- Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium
- Wise County, VA

**Focus:** The future workforce of Virginia’s coalfield region bordering Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia including the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell and Wise and the City of Norton.