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Greetings,

The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) is pleased to accept the invitation from the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network (TSIN) to be a partner for the 2025-2026 Statewide Design Challenge. TWRA supports the efforts of TSIN to enrich and enhance STEM education by providing the opportunity to explore and find solutions to some of our greatest challenges.

TWRA understands the importance of STEM education as science, technology, engineering, and math are at the core of the agency's mission. The Mission of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is to preserve, conserve, manage, protect, and enhance the fish and wildlife of the state and their habitats for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the citizens of Tennessee and its visitors. Providing support to TSIN and all K-12 students as they work through the Statewide Design Challenge creates a valuable partnership to help further this mission. The project focus pertains to the United Nations Sustainability Goal 15, (Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss.)

TWRA is committed to bringing awareness to the opportunities available to students through fish and wildlife careers. We look forward to our continued partnership and to celebrating the success of this effort to ensure the students of Tennessee are encouraged to think critically and develop problem-solving skills to help tackle the challenges of maintaining a sustainable ecosystem.

Sincerely

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