

Regional Summit
Securing the Critical Battery Materials Supply Chain in the Southeast
April 22, 2026
Charlotte, North Carolina

Draft Agenda

8:00am *Networking Breakfast*

9:00am **Opening Plenary**

*Featuring opening remarks from **Nat Keohane**, President, C2ES.*

9:15am **Presentation of Policy Roadmap and Economic Modeling Results**

C2ES and Greenline Insights will present the final Policy Roadmap to support the development of the battery materials supply chain in the Southeast.

9:40am **Panel Discussion: The American Battery Opportunity**

A high-level panel will discuss the opportunity for American industry and workers of investing in a globally competitive battery supply chain and manufacturing industry.

Speakers:

- **Paul Donnellan**, Clareo
- **Rick Howard**, Toyota Motor North America
- **Ryan Melsert**, American Battery Technology Company
- **Celina Mikolajczak**, Industry Advisor

10:15am *Break*

10:30am **Morning Workshops: Building the U.S. Battery Supply Chain**

Facilitated, small-group workshops including panel discussions and interactive sessions. Participants will select one of three tracks:

Track A: Technology Innovation

This track will explore opportunities to support: enhanced coordination across research & development efforts; pathways to commercialization; innovative finance, and other strategies to accelerate battery technology innovation.

Track B: Workforce Development

***Facilitated by Clemson University**—this track will highlight ongoing work to develop standardized certifications and skills development pathways for workers in the battery industry and explore opportunities to enhance workforce development.*

Track C: Manufacturing and Markets at Scale

This track will explore the pathway to an interconnected domestic battery manufacturing supply chain, including through promoting end-use applications of American-made batteries, supporting the development of commercial facilities, and prioritizing the harmonized growth of markets and an end-to-end supply chain.

11:30am Economic Development Leadership in the New Energy Economy

A panel of state leaders will highlight successful economic development approaches to attract and retain battery companies, and explore the best path forward to promote continued economic growth for communities across the region in the evolving advanced energy market.

Speakers:

- **Bakari Miller**, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama
- **Jennifer Mundt**, North Carolina Department of Commerce
- **Costas Simoglou**, Georgia Department of Economic Development
- **Will West**, Tennessee Valley Authority
- **Aaron Brickman**, RMI

12:00pm Lunch & Battery Show South Expo

1:00pm Afternoon Workshops: Implementation in the Battery Belt and Beyond

Facilitated, small-group workshops continuing the morning workshops' discussions with a focus on near-term implementation and next steps with the goal of producing an action plan for each track.

Track A: Technology Innovation

Track B: Workforce Development

Track C: Manufacturing and Markets at Scale

2:15pm Outreach, Education, and Advocacy

C2ES will facilitate an interactive workshop to harmonize messaging and outreach to key stakeholders and the general public around key battery supply chain topics. It will focus on the implementation of policy recommendations and near-term action items developed through the regional series.

3:15pm Break

3:30pm Investment and Bankability for Battery Innovation

A panel of representatives from financial institutions will share their perspective on opportunities to support development in the battery industry amid market uncertainty and financing challenges.

Speakers:

- **Daniel Nilsson Sjölander**, New System Ventures
- **Jessie Smith**, JPMorganChase

4:00pm Closing: Next Steps and Strategy

4:30pm Closing Reception with the Battery Show South