



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Mayor Jacobs, Local Leaders to Sign START Center MOU

- WHEN:** 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023
- WHERE:** Skilled Trades Academy and Regional Training Center,  
1803 N. Central St, Knoxville
- WHO:** Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Clay Crownover, president and CEO of Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Tennessee, Kelli Chaney, president of TCAT Knoxville, and KCS Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk

**BACKGROUND:** Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and local leaders will participate in a ceremonial contract signing that will provide details to one of the mayor's big initiatives – creating the Skilled Trades Academy and Regional Training Center (START), a training school designed to attract, train, and retain a quality workforce in the construction industry.

Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Tennessee (ABC – Greater Tennessee), which has a similar and successful academy in Nashville, will run the school. The association, founded in 1971, is a part of 69 state chapters across the country representing 21,000 merit shop construction and construction-related firms.

The media is invited to attend. After the signing, officials will be on hand to answer questions about the school.

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