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Arms serves as the executive director of the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG). This non-profit organization represents 500 local governments from more than 200 counties in seven states in the Tennessee River Valley region.

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In other public service, Arms was elected to two terms on the Knox County Commission and served as Chairman of the Knox County Sheriff's Merit Board for four years.

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