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Business Retention and Expansion

Summary

- During April, the team continued its focus on **supporting Broken Arrow's existing businesses** through ongoing engagement, project assistance, and strategic relationship-building efforts. One of the month's key activities included **attending Public Service Company of Oklahoma's (PSO) Energy Efficiency Summit**, which provided valuable insight into energy-related programs, efficiency initiatives, and available resources that may benefit Broken Arrow businesses. Participation in the summit also created opportunities to **strengthen regional partnerships and identify additional tools** that can support local companies as they navigate operational costs and future growth.
- The team also continued assisting with Project Flight, supporting **CSI Aerospace's expansion** into Arrow Forge. Efforts throughout the month included ongoing coordination and communication related to the project as the company advances its expansion plans in Broken Arrow. This project represents continued momentum in the community's aerospace and advanced manufacturing sectors and reflects the importance of maintaining strong relationships with existing industry partners as they pursue growth opportunities.
- In addition to these initiatives, the team continued **ongoing business retention and expansion activities**, including outreach to existing businesses, coordination with local and regional partners, and responsiveness to company needs and opportunities as they arise. These efforts remain essential to maintaining strong relationships with Broken Arrow employers, identifying challenges early, and supporting an environment conducive to continued business growth and investment.

BRE Employer Meetings: 7

New Business Attraction

Summary

- Vice President of attended the **AmericanSouth Site Selection Summit** in Arlington, TX, engaging with site selection consultants and economic development professionals to **strengthen regional visibility and cultivate new business recruitment** opportunities in Broken Arrow.
- Continued coordination and planning efforts for the **Highway 51 Corridor**, including stakeholder meetings, evaluation of development opportunities, identification of potential TIF boundaries, and discussion of infrastructure and long-term development strategies.
- Continued conversations with leadership from **Project Vector, an eVTOL manufacturer**, regarding potential growth opportunities, regional assets, and long-term manufacturing and innovation opportunities within Broken Arrow.

Incoming April Projects

RFIs Received: 6

RFI Response: 0

- **Project Rev X – No available inventory meeting requirements of project.**

- Industry leading infrastructure company evaluating the relocation of its North American mission control center. The proposed center will oversee all company assets and operate on a 24/7 basis. Seeking 15K to 25K of existing Class B office space near airport with nationwide service.
 - Project Scope
 - TBD capital investment
 - 75 jobs
- **Project Coaster 2026 – No available inventory meeting requirements of project.**
 - Semiconductor manufacturer looking statewide for greenfield, build-to-suit opportunity. Seeking a minimum of 400 acres with 150 ft of allowable building height with airspace and no residential nearby.
 - Project Scope
 - \$10 million in capital investment
 - 5,100 jobs
- **Project Rubberband – No available inventory meeting requirements of project.**
 - Large plastics manufacturer interested in relocating to Oklahoma seeking existing building of 30K to 50K SF with rail and port access.
 - Project Scope
 - \$2-\$5 million in capital investment
 - 35 jobs
- **Project Ellie – No available inventory meeting requirements of project.**
 - Consultant led aerospace project looking for aircraft manufacturing facility and separate test facility. Both facilities require access to airspace with FAA approved UAS site. Seeking existing site of 75K to 550K SF for manufacturing and 15K to 20K SF for test facility with preference to lease for both.
 - Project Scope
 - \$216 million in capital investment
 - 650 jobs
- **Project Nexa – No available inventory meeting requirements of project.**
 - European-based manufacturing company specializing in PVC and HDPE piping systems seeking opportunities for acquisition within the state. Company seeking existing building associated with an existing company for acquisition or lease. Seeking minimum of 45K SF existing industrial space with rail onsite.
 - Project Scope
 - \$5-\$20 million in capital investment
 - 30-40 jobs
- **Project Balance – No available inventory meeting requirements of project.**
 - International food production company searching statewide for an existing building capable of being utilized for food production. Seeking 100K-150K SF existing building with prior food production, specifically chocolate, bakery or confectionary use.
 - Project Scope
 - TBD capital investment
 - TBD jobs

Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Small Business Development

Summary

- During April, the team continued **advancing entrepreneurship development initiatives** focused on strengthening founder support systems, expanding community engagement, and building long-term entrepreneurial capacity within Broken Arrow. A major focus during the month was the continued **development of the entrepreneurial growth cohort** scheduled to launch in August. Efforts included refining program structure, developing curriculum content, identifying strategic partners and mentors, and establishing program objectives designed to support entrepreneurs through practical business growth education and guided peer collaboration. The cohort is being developed as a targeted initiative to help entrepreneurs strengthen operational readiness, improve scalability, and build sustainable businesses within Broken Arrow.
- The team also convened the **Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee** during the month to gather insight, feedback, and strategic direction from ecosystem stakeholders. Discussions focused on strengthening entrepreneurial support resources, identifying gaps within the local ecosystem, and ensuring alignment between programming efforts and the needs of Broken Arrow's business community. The committee continues to serve as an important collaborative body in guiding entrepreneurship strategy and fostering stronger connections between public, private, and community partners.
- Additionally, the team **hosted representatives from Economic Impact Catalyst**, who visited Broken Arrow to share ideas, discuss entrepreneurship ecosystem development strategies, and collaborate on emerging tools designed to support entrepreneurial communities. As part of this partnership, the team has also been serving as a beta tester for **Economic Impact Catalyst's entrepreneurship-focused CRM platform**, providing feedback and practical insight as the product continues to be refined. This collaboration has provided valuable opportunities to evaluate innovative approaches to entrepreneur engagement, resource tracking, and ecosystem management.
- **1 Million Cups Broken Arrow (1MCBA)** also continued to build momentum and community engagement throughout April. More than **80 community members** attended programming during the month, while **four founders presented** their companies to the local entrepreneurial community. These events continue to provide entrepreneurs with opportunities to share their businesses, receive feedback, build visibility, and connect with potential partners and supporters. Continued participation and engagement demonstrate growing interest in entrepreneurship within Broken Arrow and reinforce the importance of maintaining consistent, accessible programming that supports local founders at various stages of business growth.

Entrepreneurship Support Meetings: 9

Workforce Development

Summary

- **WorkInBA Spring Career Fair:** Staff facilitated the premier job fair for the community with the goal of bringing talent and employers together. More than **25 employers** were in attendance for this event ranging from industries such as **manufacturing, healthcare, finance, and more.**

- o Number of job seekers in attendance at event = **270 (42% increase)**
- o Average Employer Engagements with Job Seekers = **29**
- Staff presented at the **Select Oklahoma** monthly membership meeting, highlighting the BAEDC’s ongoing efforts and initiatives to **advance career awareness and workforce development** within the community.
- To support local talent retention efforts, staff participated in the **University of Tulsa Career Networking Event**. During the event, staff engaged with more than **30** students pursuing in-demand degree programs and connected them with local Broken Arrow employers and career opportunities

Employer Workforce Meetings = 10

Broken Arrow Job Board Monthly Metrics:

- **5744** page visits; **1394** clicks on jobs; **16** job alert subscribers
- **165** application engagements

Job Seeker Monthly Metrics:

- Job seeker engagements = **40**
- Job seeker placements = **0**

Job Seeker Year to Date Metrics:

- Job seeker engagements = **58**
- **283** application engagements (job board)
- Job seeker placements = **4**

Arrow Forge

Summary

- **Project Ascend**, a space sector manufacturing prospect, continues evaluating the region for a proposed 50,000 – 100,000 SF production facility, with **ongoing discussion focused on Arrow Forge**. Leadership will be in town in May with a **second site visit scheduled at Arrow Forge**.
- Staff met with partners from **Oklahoma Natural Gas** to discuss gas service capacity and infrastructure planning for the Arrow Forge, including future service considerations related to **CSI Aerospace** and future tenants.

Research Analysis, Strategic Planning, & Advocacy

Summary

- Vice President of Economic Development, **Amber Miller** successfully earned the **Certified Economic Developer (CEdD) designation** through the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), **demonstrating advanced expertise and commitment** to professional excellence in economic development.
- Vice President attended **All In for Oklahoma**, a statewide initiative focused on economic development collaboration, program updates, and resources available to support community growth across Oklahoma.

- President and CEO attended **Legacy to Launch**, an event focused on entrepreneurship, innovation, and strategies to support business growth and long-term economic impact.
- Staff attended the Broken Arrow Chamber’s **State of the State event featuring Governor Kevin Stitt**. The event provided updates on state priorities, legislative initiatives, and issues impacting Oklahoma’s business climate.
- **Research Requests:**
 - Business Resources – 1
 - Provided Broken Arrow demographic data to Ascension St. John Broken Arrow.
 - City of Broken Arrow – 0
 - Workforce – 1
 - Provided Manpower a wage analysis on 13 different occupations in the manufacturing industry.