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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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Business Retention and Expansion

Summary

- Onboarded new BRE Manager, Bradley Sheofee
- Staff met with community development and engineering team to discuss large expansion project and long-term master plan.
- BRE Employer Meetings: 10

New Business Attraction

Summary

- Hosted California company for Project Trailer site visit
 - Lot 5A at Creek 51 is being considered
- Met with consultant at EY about potential project considering Broken Arrow
- Met with company looking to relocate business to Broken Arrow
 - Seeking 2 acres of commercial land to build office space and co-working space
- Staff attended Tulsa Regional Chamber's Chicago marketing trip
 - Met with 6 site consultants and 2 companies
- Coordinated follow-up requests for Project Frost and submitted to consultants
- OKSITES Ready site visits finalized for November and January for sites awarded

Incoming September Projects

- **Project Sooner** Submitted commercial sites meeting requirements. Seeking a minimum of 2 acres of greenfield for new commercial office and co-working space.
 - Project Scope
 - Jobs TBD
 - \$3 million capital investment
- Project Trailer Submitted Creek 51 Lot A. Seeking 50-100K SF facility or 5 acres minimum to build
 - This US company manufactures cattle feeding equipment and is looking for a facility to house their powder coating and final assembly operations.
 - Project Scope
 - 50 jobs
 - \$4 million in capital investment for M&E
- Project Cypress Submitted Creek 51 Lot 5A. Seeking an 86,112 SF facility or 2 acres minimum to build
 - This company produces a component for the automotive industry and is looking to establish a manufacturing facility within one hour of the Tulsa, Oklahoma area.
 - Project Scope
 - 203 jobs
 - \$12,610,000 million in capital investment

- **Project Falcon** No available sites meeting the needs of the project. Seeking a 150-acre (minimum) shovel-ready greenfield site only; existing building not being considered.
 - Project Scope
 - 1,550 jobs (full capacity)
 - \$350 million capital investment
- **Project Condor** No available sites meeting the needs of the project. Seeking a 5 to 20-acre brownfield or greenfield site with room to grow at least an additional 10 acres.
 - Project Scope
 - 600+ jobs
 - \$1.53 billion capital investment
- **Project Joseph** No available sites meeting the needs of the project. Seeking an existing 125k 200K SF facility with access to rail.
 - Project Scope
 - 50 jobs
 - \$20 million capital investment
- Project Interface No available sites meeting the needs of the project. Seeking existing 75,000 – 120,000 SF facility or brownfield; Seeking isolated location to conduct small explosive ordinance or weapon use
 - Project Scope
 - Jobs TBD
 - \$27,479,913 in capital investment
- Project Jaguar No available sites meeting the needs of the project. Seeking exisiting or greenfield sites that accommodate 1.3 million SF and 1.25 million SF facilities with port access.
 - Project Scope
 - **2,500 jobs**
 - \$1.7 billion capital investment
- Project Oribi No available sites meeting the needs of the project. Seeking an existing 500k + SF facility, ideally 1 million SF facility
 - Project Scope
 - Jobs TBD
 - Capital Investment TBD
- **Project Propeller** No available sites meeting the needs of the project. Seeking an existing 400k 500k SF facility to lease.
 - Project Scope
 - 250 jobs
 - \$250 million capital investment

Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Small Business Development

Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Assessment

Final assessment completed and will be presented to BAEDC in October

Workforce Development

Summary

- Completed Workforce Needs Survey to gauge the issues and challenges of our local employers. Full results can be viewed here.
- Planning continues with NSUBA for engineering career awareness event. High school age students are currently being recruited, and the program is under development.
- Collaborated with Broken Arrow Public Schools on a video production highlighting the importance of driving career awareness at the middle school level for students.
- Manufacturing Career Day planning continues with recruitment of volunteers, coordination with schools, and development of STEM activity.
- Employer Partner Meetings = 8
- Talent Attraction Website:
 - o Continued development of new job board platform powered by Getro.

September:

- ★ Total Employer Job Post Supports = 4
- ★ Job seeker engagements = 5
- ★ Job seeker placements = 1

Year to Date:

- ★ Total Employer Job Post Supports = 146
- ★ Job seeker engagements = 125
- ★ Job seeker placements = 10

Arrow Forge

Summary

- Council approved site plan for Arrow Forge
- Arrow Forge committee convened in September
 - City gave updates on infrastructure
 - o Discussed marketing plan for 2025 to include Arrow Forge tour
 - Will meet with site consultants in Dallas, Greenville, Chicago, and Atlanta to pitch Arrow Forge
 - Presented approved site plan to committee
 - 8ft x 16ft rendering will be at Arrow Forge for groundbreaking
 - Postcards of site plan will be created and available at groundbreaking

Research Analysis, Strategic Planning, & Advocacy

Summary

- Research Requests:
 - Business Resources 3
 - City of Broken Arrow 2
 - o Workforce 1
- Broken Arrow EDC awarded bronze award for BeInBA.com talent attraction website and campaign
 - VP of Economic Development and Director of Talent Attraction accepted award at IEDC annual conference
- Staff attended Tulsa's Future Partner Roundtable, engaging with small group of regional partners
- VP of ED participated in interview for Tulsa Regional Chamber SVP of Economic Development
- BAEDC hosted Tulsa Regional Chamber Economic Development team for a FAM tour of Broken Arrow