



**ECONOMIC
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*Fueling the Future
of Broken Arrow.*

Overall Assessment

July reflected strong momentum across Broken Arrow's economic development pipeline, with notable activity in aerospace, advanced manufacturing, and business attraction. Significant progress was made on existing industry expansions, including CSI Aerospace's planned 50,000-square-foot expansion and Zeeco's 200,000 square-foot manufacturing expansion, while engagement at the Farnborough International Air Show strengthened relationships with global aerospace companies and reinforced Broken Arrow's position within the Tulsa Region's growing aerospace ecosystem. The BAEDC also hosted a corporate site visit, advanced active attraction projects, and continued discussions with prospective employers evaluating Broken Arrow for future investment. Ongoing investments in workforce partnerships and entrepreneurship programming continue to strengthen the local business ecosystem and position Broken Arrow for sustained economic growth.

July By the Numbers

- **Support:**
 - BRE Visits: 4
 - Active Expansion Projects: 8
 - Job Board Page Visits: 1469
 - Job Seeker Engagements: 4 (YTD: 64)
 - Job Seeker Placements: 0 (YTD: 7)
- **Attraction:**
 - RFIs Received: 6
 - RFIs Submitted: 2
 - Consultant Engagements: 2
 - Site Visits: 1
 - Active Attraction Projects: 5

Business Retention and Expansion

Summary

- Bradley met with **Bart Colburn, Owner Colburn Electric** to discuss their current expansion project.
 - Project Splice
 - Purchased lot across from current facility for secure parking and vehicle and equipment storage
 - Potential to add 100 new, high-wage jobs
- James, Amber, and Bradley attended a **pre-development meeting for CSI Aerospace's** 50,000-square-foot expansion.
- Amber and Bradley toured **Zeeco GTC's 200,000-square-foot expansion and Advanced Research Center** with Jenny Cothran and Scott Fox.
- James and Amber **met with Lindsey Pearson, Director Strategic Planning at HEICO, the parent company of CSI Aerospace** while at Farnborough International Air Show.
- Amber met with Kristina Wadley at OCAST to discuss & learn about **potential incentives** for new and existing businesses.

- Bradley met with an **existing Broken Arrow business for a regular BRE visit**, including discussion of a confidential early-stage project.

BRE Employer Meetings: 4

New Business Attraction

Summary

- Hosted site visit for **Project Western Boots**, a construction tools manufacturer, welcoming two company executives and the project's site location consultant. The visit included a community presentation and a tour of Creek 51 as the company evaluates locations for a planned expansion. Company expects to down-select sites in early fall.
- Amber met with the consultant for **Project Connect** to discuss the company's proposed 90,000-square-foot facility, which is under contract to purchase 10 acres near Houston Street and County Line Road.
- James and Amber met with company, **Pleet3D, NY based company seeking to move manufacturing to Tulsa region.**
 - 3D printed concrete homes and buildings
 - Company seeking capital and incentives to support operations
- James and Amber met with Bobby Healy, CEO of **Manna Air Delivery**, to discuss **company's Tulsa Region U.S. headquarters, its impact on Broken Arrow**, and the company's evaluation of potential base locations within the city.
- James and Amber joined over 70 Oklahoma delegates in London for the **Farnborough International Air Show**. The delegation participated in more than **80 meetings over four days**, facilitating numerous B2B conversations while actively **promoting Oklahoma, the Tulsa Region, and Broken Arrow** as prime locations for aerospace investment.
 - This trade mission was fully funded by Amplify BA investment, with no City of BA contractual dollars spent.

Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Small Business Development

Summary

- Amber and Elise attended the **2026 Kauffman FastTrac + 1 Million Cups Summit** in Kansas City. **Elise presented on the success of the 1 Million Cups Broken Arrow** social media strategy, sharing best practices and lessons learned with entrepreneurship community organizers from across the country.
- Bradley met with Kristina Wadley at OCAST to discuss & learn about **potential incentives for entrepreneurs.**
- Founders Forge is an **8-week entrepreneurial growth cohort** that launches in August 2026. The program will run from August 12th to October 7th.
 - In July, **10 Broken Arrow businesses** were selected to participate out of 15 applicants.
 - These businesses are younger than 3 years old and positioned for growth.
 - Throughout this cohort, the participating businesses will get to hear from local operators, experienced entrepreneurs, and other community leaders that are rooting for their growth here in Broken Arrow.
 - On October 7th, at the conclusion of the cohort, we will host a community showcase and pitch competition.

- 1 Million Cups Broken Arrow
 - 5 Gatherings
 - 10 Presenters
 - Terriann Mohamed & Abbie McNett, Arts@302 Gallery & Gift Shop
 - Ramond Walker, Clarion Insights
 - Suzanne Porske & Amy Hauser, The Collective
 - Emily Brandenburg, Emily Brandenburg Books
 - Ron & Nate Burkhartzmeyer, Jungle Driving School
 - Rafael Perfecto & Nick Cabrilo, Ecdysis Barbershop

Entrepreneurship Support Meetings: 21

Workforce Development

Summary

- De'Andre and Jenny Cothran, committee chair, facilitated the newly formed **Talent Committee meeting** with community, education, and employer partners to discuss workforce development initiatives and talent attraction strategies.
- Completed **virtual reality (VR) employer video project for Saint Francis Health System** and currently producing a **VR employer experience for Arrowhead Winch to support local talent attraction efforts** by showcasing career opportunities and workplace environments.
- **De'Andre participated in the Oklahoma Education & Workforce Collaborative**, a statewide initiative led by the Oklahoma State Department of Education to strengthen partnerships between K-12 education, employers, and chambers while expanding work-based learning and local talent pipelines.

Employer Workforce Meetings: 14

Broken Arrow Job Board Monthly Metrics:

- **1469** page visits; **77** clicks on jobs; 1 job alert subscribers
- **13** application engagements

Job Seeker Monthly Metrics:

- Job seeker engagements: **4**
- Job seeker placements: **0**

Job Seeker Year to Date Metrics:

- Job seeker engagements: **64**
- **358** application engagements (job board)
- Job seeker placements: **7**

Arrow Forge

Summary

- **BAEDC launched the 2026 Arrow Forge marketing plan** in July, **beginning a strategic campaign to increase awareness of the innovation district**, attract prospective businesses and investors, and support ongoing development efforts.

- James and Amber met with Norm Stephens and Travis Stephens, along with Matt Litterell, Chair of the Arrow Forge Committee, to discuss **potential speculative industrial building development opportunities** at the Arrow Forge site.
- Amber continued discussions with **Project Crickett** regarding the company's potential investment and location opportunities in Broken Arrow.

Research Analysis, Strategic Planning, & Advocacy

Summary

- **Elise participated in the Southern Economic Development Council's (SEDC) Emerging Leaders Book Club**, reading *Economic Development Is Still Not for Amateurs* and concluding the program with a discussion featuring co-author Jay Garner on industry best practices.
- James and Amber conducted a **pre-trip planning visit** to Olathe and Overland Park, Kansas, ahead of the Broken Arrow Chamber's October Best Practices Trip, meeting with Overland Park Chamber President and CEO Tracey Oltjen and Olathe Chamber President and CEO Tim McKee and COO Brian Geary to coordinate the itinerary and discuss key economic development initiatives.
- Amber and Bradley met with Mak Cochran, Manager of Place and Infrastructure at Tulsa Innovation, to **discuss regional infrastructure, placemaking assets, and policy priorities** that support innovation and economic development.
- **James and Amber are serving on the City's Data Center Study Group**, which held its first meeting to examine considerations related to data center development during the current moratorium.
- **Research Requests:**
 - Business Resources – 2
 - Elise assisted Zeeco by providing slides that promote Broken Arrow as a great place to do business for them to use for potential business partners.
 - Elise provided Manpower with a wage analysis on several manufacturing-related occupations in Arkansas to help their clients remain competitive when it comes to talent attraction.
 - City of Broken Arrow – 1
 - Elise assisted the City's TED Team by providing updated demographic data and major employers in Broken Arrow for the City's budget book.
 - Workforce – 0

Incoming July Projects

RFIs Received: 6

RFIs Submitted: 2

Site Visits: 1

- **Project Simmer** – Submitted Jackson Mills site

- A food processing company conducting a statewide site search for a 35-80 acre greenfield for their next manufacturing and distribution operation.
 - Project Scope
 - \$120 million capital investment
 - 200 jobs
- **Project Meridian** – Submitted Creek 51 Lot 4D
 - A company searching for a 1-2 acre greenfield or shovel-ready, flat and rectangular piece of land for a 16,600 SF facility to be used for microalgae-based Ag-Tech/Biotech/FoodTec production.
 - Project Scope
 - \$3.95 million capital investment
 - 12 jobs
- **Project Wilbur** – No available inventory meeting project requirements.
 - A Midwest-based steel fabricator looking to expand into the South by acquiring a company or leasing or purchasing a 300,000-400,000 SF facility to better meet growing customer demand.
 - Project Scope
 - \$9.5 million capital investment
 - 10 jobs
- **Project Alpine** – No available inventory meeting project requirements.
 - A company looking for a 108,000 SF minimum space to produce lab-grown diamonds for use in semiconductor manufacturing.
 - Project Scope
 - \$65 million capital investment
 - 100 jobs
- **Project Fallback** – No available inventory meeting project requirements.
 - An energy systems manufacturer seeking a 40-acre minimum greenfield, shovel-ready site for a new manufacturing operation. The company is U.S. based and has existing large-scale manufacturing facilities in the Southeast and Midwest. Heavy Industrial zoning required.
 - Project Scope
 - \$322 million capital investment
 - 460 jobs
- **Project Orca** – No available inventory meeting project requirements.
 - A confidential, established, U.S.-headquartered clean energy technologies company looking for a 50-acre minimum greenfield or 650,000 SF minimum facility to fabricate, assemble and commission large-scale power generation systems.
 - Project Scope
 - TBD capital investment
 - 800 jobs