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Business Retention and Expansion

Summary

- During March, the team continued its focus on **supporting existing industry**, identifying growth opportunities, and strengthening relationships with Broken Arrow's business community. A key highlight for the month was the identification of a significant expansion opportunity, **Project Farmer**, which represents a \$5 million capital investment and the creation of 90 new jobs. Many of these positions are expected to be high-wage jobs.
- In addition to project activity, the team hosted an **Oklahoma Innovation Expansion Program (OIEP) roundtable**, bringing together Broken Arrow businesses to connect directly with state-led funding opportunities. This engagement provided local companies with **greater awareness of resources available** to support innovation, capital investment, and expansion, while further positioning the EDC as a key connector between businesses and strategic partners.
- **BRE Employer Meetings: 8**

New Business Attraction

Summary

- VP attended a marketing trip to **New York City** with the Tulsa Regional Chamber, participating in **10 meetings with companies and site selection consultants** to promote the Tulsa region and Broken Arrow for future investment opportunities.
- Hosted a site visit for **Project Ascend**, a space industry company evaluating Arrow Forge for an advanced propulsion manufacturing facility, with participation from City of Broken Arrow, Tulsa Tech, and Tulsa Regional Chamber.
- Hosted a site visit for **Project Forest** at Creek 51 Business Park, highlighting site readiness, infrastructure, and development potential to support the company's evaluation process.

Incoming March Projects

RFIs Received: 7

RFI Response: 3

- **Project Forest – Submitted Lot 5 at Creek 51**
 - Company is seeking shovel ready sites in Oklahoma for a new manufacturing facility within 40 minutes of Metro areas/airports. This is the second site search for this project that now includes off-airport properties.
 - Project Scope
 - \$80 million capital investment
 - 210 jobs
- **Project Vector – Submitted Arrow Forge**
 - Company seeking greenfield site for manufacturing facility for electric and hybrid Vertical Takeoff & Landing (VTOL) aircraft for urban mobility and logistics.
 - Project Scope
 - TBD capital investment
 - TBD jobs

- **Project Baker – Passed to TED team; submitted two sites, Tiger Hill and Aspen Ridge**
 - A last-mile delivery operation using small electric aircraft to deliver food, pharmacy items, and everyday goods quickly and with low emissions. Seeking base locations near dense QSR/fast-casual clusters.
 - Project Scope
 - TBD capital investment
 - TBD jobs
- **Project North Star – No response due to lack of inventory meeting project requirements.**
 - High-volume permanent magnet manufacturing company focused on producing critical materials essential to modern technologies such as electrification, automation, robotics, and clean energy seeking 150 – 200 of flat, contiguous buildable acres with no wetlands. On site rail and barge access required.
 - Project Scope
 - \$1.8 billion capital investment
 - 700 jobs
- **Project Cozy – No response due to lack of inventory meeting project requirements.**
 - Consultant driven project seeking at least one site in Oklahoma for a data center, ideally in the Tulsa region within PSO service territory. Seeking at least 200 acres up to >1,000 acres if the opportunity makes sense and getting to 300MW of power quickly.
 - Project Scope
 - TBD capital investment
 - TBD jobs
- **Project Capsule – No response due to lack of inventory meeting project requirements.**
 - Semiconductor fabricator looking to expand footprint into Oklahoma. Seeking 250-acre greenfield site.
 - Project Scope
 - \$1.5 billion capital investment
 - 3,000 jobs
- **Project Gotham – No response due to lack of inventory meeting project requirements.**
 - Federal government contractor evaluating locations for a large-scale Center of Excellence manufacturing facility to enable secure, scalable production of autonomous aircraft programs. Seeking 100-acre minimum greenfield site.
 - Project Scope
 - \$613.5 million capital investment
 - 1500 jobs

Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Small Business Development

Summary

- During March, the team continued advancing **entrepreneurship efforts in Broken Arrow** by building momentum through programming and laying the groundwork for future initiatives. **1 Million Cups Broken Arrow (1MCBA)** maintained strong engagement, with **five local entrepreneurs** presenting their businesses and more than **80 community**

members in attendance throughout the month. This consistent participation reflects a **growing culture of entrepreneurship** in the community and reinforces the value of providing accessible platforms for founders to share ideas, receive feedback, and build connections.

- In addition to ongoing programming, the team made significant progress in the development of a **structured entrepreneurship cohort planned for launch this fall**. Efforts during the month focused on **designing curriculum, defining program outcomes, and establishing a strategic framework** to support early-stage and growth-oriented entrepreneurs. The cohort is being developed as a **targeted initiative** to equip participants with practical tools, mentorship, and resources needed to start and scale their businesses in Broken Arrow. This includes identifying key topic areas such as business modeling, financial planning, market validation, and operational growth, as well as exploring partnerships and delivery models to ensure the program is both impactful and sustainable.
- These efforts represent a continued commitment to **strengthening Broken Arrow's entrepreneurial ecosystem** by not only supporting current founders through programs like 1MCBA, but also by intentionally building a pipeline of future businesses through structured, high-value programming. Collectively, March's activities demonstrate steady progress toward fostering a more connected, resource-rich environment for entrepreneurs to start, grow, and succeed locally.

Entrepreneurship Support Meetings: 14

Workforce Development

Summary

- Convened the **Business and Education Partnership Roundtable** with **BAEDC, BAPS leadership, and key Broken Arrow businesses** to advance workforce development and talent attraction efforts. **BAPS led the facilitated workshop and discussion**, which emphasized the need for stronger business engagement in education. Key initiatives included career exploration days, micro-pathways and micro-credentials, hands-on learning experiences, mock interviews, and entrepreneurship programs to build a sustainable pipeline of skilled local talent.
- Finalized the selection of initial employer partners for **virtual reality (VR) video content** production. Coordinated initial outreach and began site visits between participating companies and Oklahoma State University to support content development and collaboration.
- Staff attended the Union Freshman Academy **industry partner meeting** to discuss with local employers the workforce skills they are looking for in the current talent pool. Organizations expressed a growing need for individuals being able to adapt to new technologies and the constant need for enhanced soft skills among younger generations.

Employer Workforce Meetings = 13

Broken Arrow Job Board Monthly Metrics:

- **2760** page visits; **197** clicks on jobs; **1** job alert subscribers
- **27** application engagements

Job Seeker Monthly Metrics:

- Job seeker engagements = **6**
- Job seeker placements = **0**

Job Seeker Year to Date Metrics:

- Job seeker engagements = **18**
- **118** application engagements (job board)
- Job seeker placements = **4**

Arrow Forge

Summary

- The land transfer to CSI Aerospace was **successfully completed**, marking a key milestone in advancing this project and supporting continued industrial growth in Broken Arrow.
- **Arrow Forge** continues to gain **traction and visibility** as a developing hub for innovation and forward-looking industry in Broken Arrow. **District signage will be presented to City Council in April for approval**, representing a key step toward establishing a **defined and recognizable** district presence.

Research Analysis, Strategic Planning, & Advocacy

Summary

- Vice President attended the Tulsa Regional Chamber quarterly partner meeting, gaining insight into **regional project activity and priorities**, strengthening **partnerships that support Broken Arrow's economic development efforts**, and participating in a GableGotwals presentation on open records with key takeaways to ensure **compliance and best practices in project-related communications**.
- Staff attended **Broken Arrow Day at the Capitol**, engaging with state legislators alongside community partners to **advocate for local priorities** and **strengthen relationships** at the state level.
- Staff participated in **Manufacturing Day at the Capitol**, highlighting the **importance of the manufacturing sector** and connecting with industry leaders and policymakers on workforce and industry needs.
- Staff assisted the City of Broken Arrow with the GO Bond marketing campaign, **supporting communication efforts** to inform residents and stakeholders about proposed projects and community impact.
- Vice President participated in Select Oklahoma Day at the Capitol, engaging with **state leaders and economic development partners** to promote Broken Arrow, strengthen relationships, and stay informed on **statewide initiatives impacting business recruitment and growth**.

- Research Requests:
 - Business Resources – 2
 - Provided traffic counts near the Broken Arrow High School for Bhow Capital.
 - Conducted a property search for buildings at least 50K SF with an overhead crane for Alfa Laval.
 - City of Broken Arrow – 1
 - Provided the number of aerospace companies in Broken Arrow and Tulsa MSA to the TED Team.
 - Workforce – 0