

Volunteers Set New Campaign Record

Approximately 150 volunteers from more than 100 local companies gathered at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club on Aug. 14 to celebrate a record-breaking Total Resource Development Campaign (TRDC). During the twelve-week campaign, volunteers raised \$2,884,781, surpassing the campaign goal by more than \$200,000.

Dick Tanenbaum, Gardner Tanenbaum Holdings, and Rhonda Hooper, Jordan Advertising, led the campaign as TRDC co-chairs for the second year. Together with the volunteers, they sold more than 1,000 sponsorships to 450 companies. Volunteers also recruited 177 new Chamber members.

“Since it was founded, the Chamber has always been a driving force in the development of Oklahoma City, and the amount we raised this year is evidence that the business community sees those positive benefits,”



Co-Chairs Dick Tanenbaum and Rhonda Hooper celebrate the end of the 2012 Campaign with volunteers!

Tanenbaum said. “TRDC makes it possible for the Chamber to invest in the economic development of the

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Foreman to Lead Chamber's Economic Development Efforts



Kurt Foreman

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber recently announced that Kurt Foreman will be joining the staff as executive vice president, economic development. The announcement follows a national search conducted by the organization.

Foreman currently serves as president of the North Louisiana Economic Partnership. He previously worked in economic development organizations in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Oshkosh, Wis.; Fairfax County, Va. and Washington, D.C. He also worked as a site consultant, working directly with companies to choose new locations.

“Kurt offers a rare combination of skills,” explained Roy H. Williams, President and CEO. “Our search drew a number of highly qualified candidates from peer cities. It quickly became evident that his breadth of

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Leadership Notes

Now is the time to get informed

With less than two months until Election Day, I feel I must express the importance of the business community's involvement in the upcoming elections. Yes, we will cast our votes for the office of President of the United States on Nov. 6, and while this election is as important as it ever has been, there are a number of elections closer to home that cannot be overlooked.

Come Election Day, we will also elect individuals to our State House and Senate, various county offices, and we will elect the individuals who represent our state in the U.S. Congress.

For several years, we have worked with the State Chamber to offer quality resources to help voters get informed before heading to the polls. Through the Prosperity Project, www.okprosperity.com, you can find your voting location, the candidates running in your district, get talking points to send to employees, find how legislators voted and other useful tools. They also offer voters' guides to help you determine which candidates will work to support the business community. I invite you to use The Prosperity Project for yourself and share this information with your employees, friends and family. The individuals we elect make decisions that affect our businesses, jobs and futures. It is absolutely critical that we take the time to look at the candidates and see where they stand on issues.

Our future successes and continued economic growth are dependent on the policies made by our elected officials. By voting for pro-business candidates, you are voting for jobs, the economy and a brighter future in Greater Oklahoma City. Be a voice for the business community and cast your ballot for the individuals who will help build upon our momentum and strengthen our region and state.

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Williams Named Chairman at Annual ACCE Convention

Roy H. Williams, president and CEO of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, was named the Chairman of the Board of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) for 2012 - 2013 at the ACCE Annual Convention on Aug. 2 in Louisville, Ky. He succeeds Tim Sheehy, CCE, president and CEO of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.



President and CEO Roy H. Williams accepted the “Best of Show” award on behalf of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber.

“Oklahoma City’s incredible growth and transformation over the past decade, from downtown development to business climate, is a testament to Roy Williams and his team at the Oklahoma City Chamber,” said ACCE President Mick Fleming. “Roy embodies leadership in this profession, and his ability to size up and solve big challenges is a huge asset to this association. I look forward to advancing our work together during his tenure as chairman.”

ACCE was established in 1914, and is the only national association serving the professional development needs of individuals leading and managing chambers of commerce throughout the U.S. and Canada. Representing more than 1,200 business organizations and 7,000 professionals, ACCE enhances the knowledge, leadership skills and management effectiveness of chamber executives through education, trend analysis, benchmarking and best practices.

“ACCE serves the needs of Chamber management nationwide, and I am honored to be a part of it,” said Williams. “Chamber executives need unique support as they lead their businesses and their communities. I

am dedicated to helping this organization build strong chamber leaders.”

The annual Awards for Communications Excellence (ACE) for best practices in advertising, communications, marketing and public relations were also awarded during the annual convention.

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber received multiple awards at this year’s convention:

ACE Gold Award: Electronic Communication – OKCCChamber.com

As a recipient of an ACE Gold Award, the Chamber also received **the Best of Show** honor which is awarded to just one of the Gold winners in each class. The Chamber won for organizations with a budget of \$2 million and above.

ACE Bronze Award: Campaigns and Programs – Oklahoma City Image Campaign; Magazines and Newsletters – *The POINT!* Newsletter

Chamber Wins International Marketing Award

The Chamber was also honored with the 2012 International Crystal Clarion Award by the Association of Women in Communications (AWC), which is given to the organization with the most winning entries in that year’s competition.

AWC is an international organization with more than 3,000 active members. The organization’s Clarion Awards honor excellence in more than 100 categories, including advertising and marketing, audiovisual productions, custom and special publications, newsletters, online media, as well as others.

“Awards such as these present a unique opportunity for us to tell Oklahoma City’s story on an international stage,” Cynthia Reid, vice president of marketing and communication said. “Our team worked hard on these communications programs, but we have to give some of the credit back to the city for giving us so many great things to talk about.”

In winning the International Crystal Clarion, the Chamber won an unprecedented eight Clarion awards. Only 92 of the hundreds of entries received awards. Other award recipients include companies such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Sports Illustrated* and *Glamour* magazine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Metro 50: Sept. 24

Celebrate Oklahoma City's fastest-growing companies at the 17th annual Metro 50 awards on Monday, Sept. 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Enjoy dinner, as well as a chance to congratulate local business leaders who are providing an economic boost to Greater Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett will personally recognize each company, beginning with number 50 and finishing with number one. View an alphabetical list of the 2012 honorees at www.okcchamber.com/metro50.

Corporate tables seating 10 are available for \$1,000. Individual tickets are \$100. Sponsors include: Bank of Oklahoma, Cox Business, Ernst & Young LLP, Express Employment Professionals, Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville, The Journal Record Publishing Company, OGE Energy Corp., and the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber.

Navy Birthday Ball: Oct. 5

Recognized as one of the largest Navy balls in the country, this annual black-tie dinner honors the military men and women in our community who serve in the U.S. Navy. On Friday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, attendees will gather for "A Star-Spangled Gala" sponsored by the Navy's Strategic Communications Wing One at Tinker Air Force Base, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and the Oklahoma City Navy League. This year's theme celebrates the Navy's 237th birthday by commemorating the birth of "The Star-Spangled Banner" which was written 200 years ago during the War of 1812.

Rise & Shine: Oct. 2

Join other Chamber members and learn about the many ways to maximize your membership and get involved in the Chamber's efforts to strengthen the business community at the Rise & Shine breakfast, Tuesday, Oct. 2, at ITT Technical Institute from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Admission for this event is free. For more information, contact Christine Soileau at 297-8691 or csoileau@okcchamber.com. Special thanks to Host Sponsor ITT Technical Institute.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 18

Sunset Reception

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Location: Credit Union Association of Oklahoma, 631 E Hill St.

Cost: There is no cost to attend this event. RSVP not required.

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Location: ITT Technical Institute, 1900 NW Expressway

Cost: This event is free to attend. Register by contacting Christine Soileau at 297-8961 or csoileau@okcchamber.com.

Oct. 5

Navy Birthday Ball

Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

Location: National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, 1700 NE 63 Street

Cost: Individuals tickets are \$75. Corporate tables seating 10 are available for \$1,500.

Oct. 9

Sunset Reception

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Location: Hosted by the Oklahoma City Barons at Cox Convention Center, Blue Line Restaurant & Bar, 1 Myriad Gardens

Cost: There is no cost to attend this event. RSVP not required.

Register securely online for Chamber events at www.okcchamber.com/events or e-mail register@okcchamber.com with questions.

Internet Sales Tax Forum: Sept. 14

Learn about the issue of online sales tax collection – the legal and financial issues at stake and the implications for businesses and consumers – at a forum by the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), the State Chamber and the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, Friday, Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Oklahoma City University, Meinders School of Business, 2501 N. Blackwelder Ave. Visit www.bipartisanpolicy.org/events for more information.

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Fifty-Nine Percent of Companies Interviewed Report Plans to Expand

Year after year, statistics show that Oklahoma City's most impactful job growth comes from existing businesses. The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber takes a proactive approach to its economic development efforts, assisting and reaching out to existing businesses to assess areas of growth and determine what issues local businesses are facing.

From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, the Chamber visited more than 300 companies representing nearly 37,000 of Greater Oklahoma City's workforce across multiple industries. Of these companies, 59 percent reported plans to expand, up from 44 percent one year ago. This increase reflects businesses' optimism about the improvements to Greater Oklahoma City's infrastructure, business environment and low cost of living and doing business. Companies are expected to create more than 4,100 additional jobs within the next 36 months. These jobs will be in addition to the more than 4,500 that have been added by surveyed companies in the past year. Of the companies planning expansions, 71 percent reported plans to hire new employees within the next 12 to 18 months.

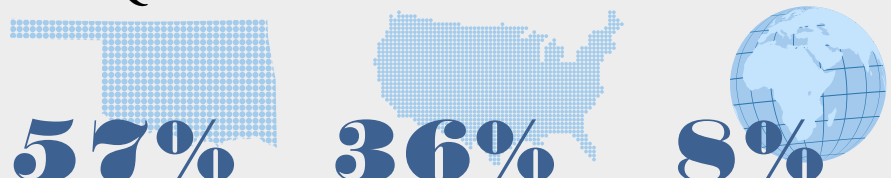
While Oklahoma City has one of the most positive business climates in the country – especially considering an unemployment rate of 4.8 percent, more than 3 percentage points lower than the national average – there are areas that can be improved upon if the region wants to continue to capitalize on the current momentum. One issue nearly half of employers face is difficulty recruiting employees with the necessary skills and education to meet their needs.

Other areas of concern for local businesses include the upcoming vote on the Intangible Personal Property Tax. In November, Oklahoma voters will decide whether to exempt a company's intangible personal property (such as patents, trademarks, goodwill, advertising campaigns and customer lists) from the state's ad valorem tax. If this measure passes, County Assessors will begin assessing the tax and Oklahoma businesses will be facing what is perhaps the largest tax increase in state history.

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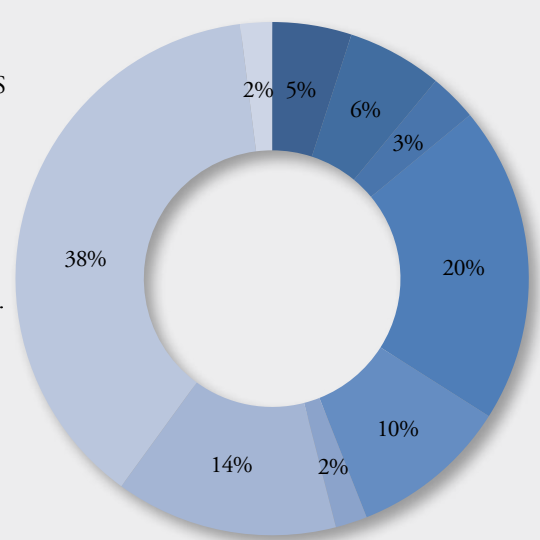


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- BIOSCIENCE
- CONSTRUCTION/MATERIALS
- CORPORATE SERVICES
- ENERGY
- IT/SOFTWARE
- LOGISTICS
- MANUFACTURING
- OTHER



TOP 5 SECTORS PROJECTED TO GROW

- 1.** MANUFACTURING
- 2.** HEALTH CARE SERVICES
- 3.** PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- 4.** MINING, QUARRYING, OIL & GAS
- 5.** INFORMATION

Foreman to Lead Chamber's Economic Development Efforts (continued from page 1)



Foreman will lead the Chamber's Economic Development team in their efforts to retain and grow existing businesses, support innovation and entrepreneurial development and attract destination retail businesses.

experience in recruitment and retention of companies, developing and implementing entrepreneurship and retail development programs, and his background as a site consultant made him an ideal choice for this position.”

In his new role, Foreman will lead the Chamber's economic development team. Throughout the year,

the team works to attract new business and investment to the market, retain and grow existing businesses, support innovation and entrepreneurial development, and attract destination retail businesses. He will also work closely with stakeholders from Oklahoma City's bioscience, aviation, energy and creative industry clusters to support their growth.

“I'm pleased to be joining a dynamic team in a city and region that many feel is at the forefront of how partnerships and economic development should be done,” said Foreman. “I look forward to working alongside the many partners and engaged leaders to achieve an even more vibrant economy in the Oklahoma City area. I'm honored that the Chamber chose me.”

Foreman received his bachelor's degree at Franklin & Marshall College and his master's degree at Wake Forest University. Foreman will begin his work at the Chamber on Sept. 24.



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region. I am excited to see what new heights the 20th year of the campaign has in store for us next year.”

During the campaign, volunteers from Chamber-member businesses work with fellow members to identify opportunities to market their businesses through a variety of Chamber events and publications. They also work to recruit new members.

“The accomplishments of the 2012 TRDC are a direct result of the dedicated volunteers who make up the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber,” said Hooper. “It’s a privilege to work with people who are so committed to the mission of the Chamber and the success of Oklahoma City.”

Sponsorships raised through TRDC allow the Chamber to produce quality events and publications for the business community, and help support the Chamber’s work in economic development, government relations, education and workforce development, community development and more.

Next year will mark the 20th anniversary for the Total Resource Development Campaign. Both Hooper and Tanenbaum will return to co-chair the campaign for their third year.

For more information, contact Lisa Boevers at lboevers@okcchamber.com or 297-8948 or visit www.okcchamber.com/TRDC.

2012 CAMPAIGN



Above Left: Co-Chairs Rhonda Hooper and Dick Tannenbaum congratulate Laure Majors, Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates, PC, on her Top Producer award.
Above Middle: Chamber President & CEO Roy H. Williams with Ray Ackerman Award winner Barbara Anne DeBolt, Burn Nutrition OKC.

Above Right: Porter Cunningham, Swanda Brothers, Inc., is the 2012 Rookie of the Year.
Below Left: Last month, 150 volunteers celebrated a record-setting Total Resource Development Campaign.
Below Right: 2012 Co-chairs Rhonda Hooper and Dick Tannenbaum!

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CVB Continues to Make Gains



Oklahoma City's popularity as a tourism and convention destination continues to grow.

From the NBA Playoffs and Finals and record-setting attendance at the Women's College World Series to successful equine events and rave reviews from attendees of the 2011 Travel Media Showcase, Oklahoma City has continued to show its ability to shine as a tourism destination.

For the second time in three years, the CVB was chosen as the recipient of Oklahoma's highest tourism award – the RedBud for Oklahoma Tourism Organization of the Year.

"The Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) had another standout year," said Mike Carrier, president of the CVB. "We had strong numbers across the board and continue to see increased interest in Oklahoma City as a visitor and event destination."

The organization's efforts throughout the year secured 373,426 future room nights which will result in more than \$377.5 million in direct spending by future conventions, meetings, group tours, sporting events and equine events. The year also showed Oklahoma City's continued growth as a meeting and event destination, with 203,928 future conventions and sports events room nights booked (a 12.8 percent increase). Future bookings include the 2013 Texas Longhorn Marketing Alliance World Championships, 2014 LegalShield International Convention, and 2014 National Association Sports Commissions.

As the "Horse Show Capital of the World," Oklahoma City's equine industry continues to be a valuable asset. In FY 2012, more than 162,800 room nights were booked over the course of 21 equine events. These events produced nearly \$181.7 million in direct spending for the local community.

With Oklahoma City's growing popularity as a tourism destination, the CVB launched a redesigned website, www.visitokc.com, with new features including advanced hotel, restaurant and attraction listings, an itinerary builder, an event calendar with an interactive map and more. Since its launch, VisitOKC.com has seen tremendous growth and positive feedback, with 175,714 absolute unique visitors and 208,471 total site visits from Jan. 1 to June 30.

"The CVB realized great successes this fiscal year," said Rhonda Hooper, Jordan Advertising, Chamber vice-chair, Convention & Visitors Bureau. "A few of those successes were launching a brand new website, the development of an innovative marketing partnership program, and the staff's performance in exceeding individual and team goals. We should all take pride that our CVB is creating tremendous momentum in marketing OKC as a 'go-to' meeting and tourist destination."

Total Future Room Nights Secured: 373,426

Nearly \$584,000 in unpaid publicity in the *Wall Street Journal*, *MidWest Living*, *Sports Destination Management* and a variety of online blogs.

Return on Investment for OKC:
93:1 (based on more than \$377.5 million in direct spending by future conventions, meetings, group tours, sporting and equine events)

Future bookings:

- 2013 NCAA Division I Women's Regional Basketball Tournament (6,000 attendance; 5,000 room nights)
- 2014 LegalShield International Convention (12,000 attendance; 13,800 room nights)
- 2014 National Association Sports Commissions (750 attendance; 2,500 room nights)

823 tour groups booked to visit Oklahoma City – a 14.6 percent increase over the previous year. These tour groups brought 33,884 passengers resulting in 6,648 room nights during FY 2012.

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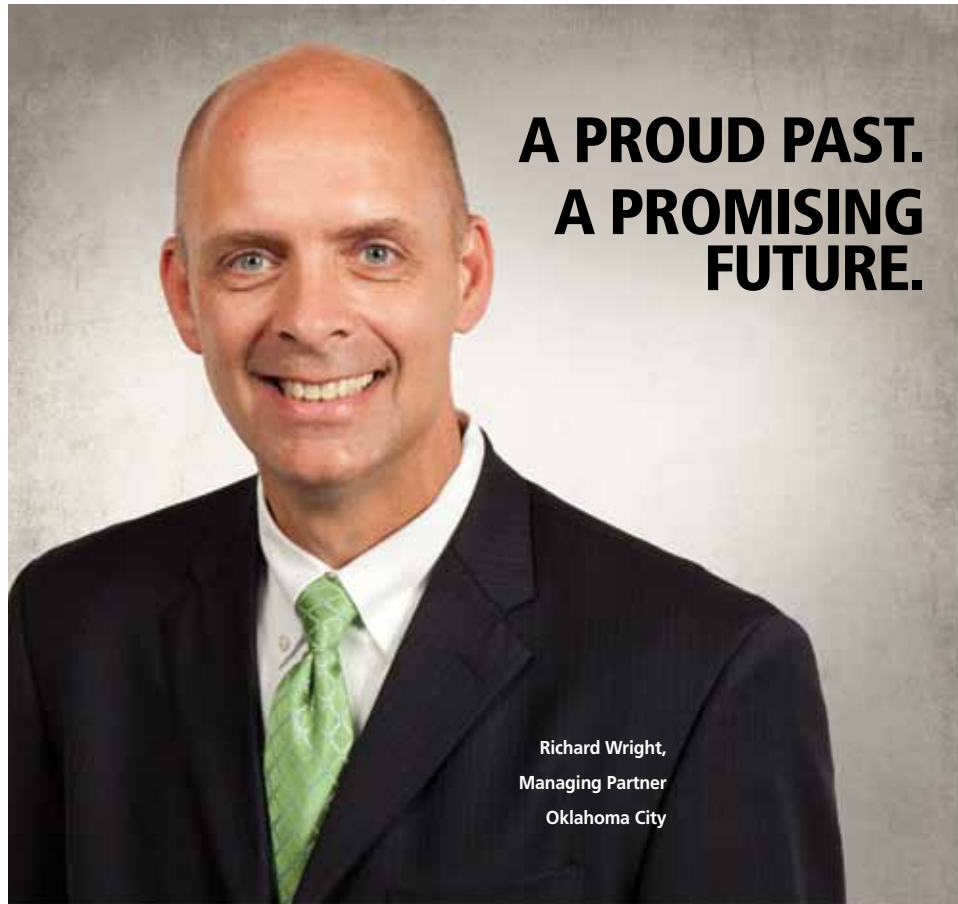
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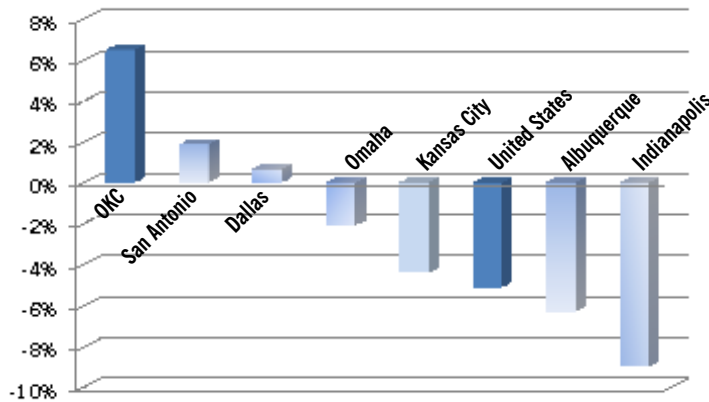
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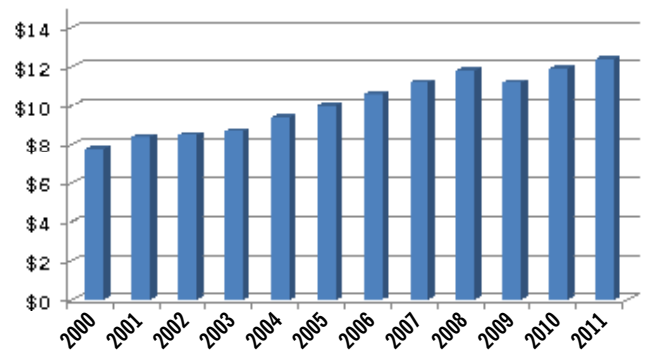
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