Forecast for 2015 Balances Oil Uncertainty, Economic Diversity

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber recently published the 2015 Greater Oklahoma City Economic Forecast, which examines the region’s economic diversity and its successes of the past year and how the fluctuations of oil prices will impact Oklahoma City’s economy. The Chamber’s annual report provides a comprehensive analysis of the regional economy, including a historic trend analysis, an overview of the current economic situation and a forecast for the upcoming year.

Oklahoma City Economic Conditions and Outlook

Oklahoma City has experienced an economic recovery envied by many metropolitan areas across the U.S. The recovery is all the more impressive when considering the tenuous national and global economic conditions that have characterized the last four years. Oklahoma City’s recovery was led by explosive growth in the oil and gas sector with employment growth of 18.9 percent and 15.3 percent in 2011 and 2012 respectively. Oil and gas growth was accompanied by related growth in manufacturing with employment growing at 6.1 percent and 6.7 percent in 2011 and 2012.

Nonfarm employment grew at a robust 2.9 percent in 2014 and has averaged 2.5 percent growth per year since Oklahoma emerged from the great recession. Nonfarm employment is expected to grow at roughly half its 2014

Chamber Advocates for Business Issues

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber uses its 2015 Public Policy Priorities to advocate on behalf of businesses. This month’s issue of The POINT! completes the two-part feature of those key issues. To read the complete 2015 Public Policy Guide, visit www.okcchamber.com/legislative.

2015 Education & Workforce Development Priorities

State Issues

Development of new curriculum standards
The legislature repealed the Common Core State standards during the 2014 session and assigned the State Department of Education to develop new Oklahoma Standards. The business community through the Chamber must be actively involved to make sure Oklahoma adopts high quality new standards to ensure high school graduates are college and career ready.

Flexibility for urban districts
The Chamber supports local control for large urban districts. We support districts’ efforts to create unique urban goals, standards and accountability mechanisms

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Building for the future

As you will learn in this issue of The POINT!, Oklahoma City’s sports industry has experienced incredible growth during the past decade, and the momentum continues with the NCAA events that will take place here in the next few years. Since 2005, our Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau assisted amateur sporting events that contributed more than $1 billion to the economy. We should never underestimate the economic impact that these events have on Oklahoma City. But I think it is even more interesting to examine why these events are choosing Oklahoma City as a location.

Oklahoma City’s hospitality plays a role, alongside its enthusiastic support of sporting events. But a large share of the credit belongs to the continued improvement of Oklahoma City’s sports facilities. Without the construction of the Chesapeake Energy Arena as an original MAPS project and the later improvements that took place because of the Big League City vote, Oklahoma City could not bid on certain NCAA events – not to mention the impact those decisions had on Oklahoma City in the form of the Oklahoma City Thunder. The same holds true for the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark, the Oklahoma River, the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium - OGE Energy Field. The improvements of each facility resulted in overall growth.

When you combine new and renovated facilities with Oklahoma City’s brand of hospitality, you get a product that is very competitive in the hospitality market. People want to come here and experience what we have to offer. And as the MAPS 3 projects are constructed, it’s important to remember those truths. The new convention center, the RIVERSPORT Rapids and all of the MAPS 3 projects will build on what Oklahoma City already has to offer and improve it. As we have seen countless times in Oklahoma City, I believe those improvements will lead to the growth and success of our community.

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The trip’s $750 per person cost includes one night's lodging at The Henley Park Hotel, 926 Massachusetts Ave., and all affiliated events. Air travel to and from Washington, D.C., is not included, giving attendees the option to extend their stay for additional business in the area. Email mmanley@okcchamber.com or call 297-8964 as soon as possible to reserve your space.

Cearley to Lead Chamber Membership Efforts

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber recently announced that Sunny Cearley will be joining the staff as vice president of membership development. Cearley will replace Lisa W. Boevers, who resigned from the Chamber in December 2014. The announcement follows a national search conducted by the Chamber.

Cearley joins the Chamber from The Journal Record Publishing Company, where she served as the director of sales and community relations. In that role, she was responsible for oversight of advertising sales and special events.

In her new role, Cearley will lead the Chamber’s membership team and become a key member of the Chamber’s executive leadership team. Cearley will build on the established platform to plan, create and lead the implementation of programs, campaigns and services to increase Chamber membership and overall retention. She will also manage the Chamber’s Total Resource Development Campaign (TRDC).

Cearley holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Baylor University and a Master of Journalism degree from the University of North Texas and is an inaugural fellow of the Dolan Leadership Institute. Her community involvement includes serving on the board of directors for the YWCA of Central Oklahoma and the marketing committee for the United Way of Central Oklahoma. She is also a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City Class 30 and LOYAL Class III.
Greater Grads Career Fair: March 5

Nearly 1,000 of Oklahoma’s brightest college students will participate in the Greater Grads Career Fair on Thursday, March 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Cox Convention Center, 1 Myriad Gardens. By recruiting at the career fair, your company will have the chance to promote Oklahoma entry-level job and internship listings.

A $400 booth includes breakfast, lunch and recruiter lounge privileges for two people. Participating organizations will be recognized on www.GreaterGrads.com, in the career fair program and at campuses across the region leading up to March 5. For more information, contact Elisa Milbourn at emilbourn@okcchamber.com. Special thanks to Benefactor Sponsors The Boeing Company, Chesapeake Energy Corporation, Continental Resources, Devon Energy Corporation, OGE Energy Corp. and SandRidge Energy, Inc. Purchase a booth and watch a video of last year’s career fair at www.greatergrads.com/recruiter.

Network with the Chamber

Member Orientation: March 10

Learn about the Chamber’s key initiatives and programs while meeting other members at the Chamber’s offices, 123 Park Ave., from 8:30-10 a.m. Member Orientation also features information about the Chamber’s events and networking opportunities. To register, contact Amanda Bowen at abowen@okcchamber.com or 297-8961.

Sunset Reception: March 31

Visit the new offices of The Oklahoman, 100 W Main St., in downtown Oklahoma City at the Chamber’s Sunset Reception from 4-6 p.m. This networking event is open to the public, making it the perfect way to introduce your peers and colleagues to the work of the Chamber.

No RSVP is necessary to this complimentary event. Special thanks to Signature Sponsor TapSnap Phototainment and Host Sponsor OPUBCO Communications Group.
Attend the Chamber’s Largest Networking Event

Oklahoma City’s favorite networking event – SchmoozaPalooza Trade Show – is back on April 7 at the Oklahoma Expo Hall at State Fair Park. From 4-7 p.m., you can join Oklahoma City business professionals as they preview the latest products and services from Chamber members in a fun and casual networking environment.

From promoting your company, making new contacts and generating sales leads to winding down after work with a drink and tasty food from Oklahoma City’s best restaurants and caterers, SchmoozaPalooza is all about networking in action and making lasting business connections. A $10 ticket includes one drink ticket, networking games and giveaways and live music.

Don’t miss this members-only opportunity to showcase your company to SchmoozaPalooza attendees. A limited number of booths are available. A $300 booth includes a 10-foot-by-10-foot draped space, an eight-foot draped table, two chairs and a professionally printed sign. Food sponsorships are also available for restaurants and caterers. Watch a video and purchase a booth at www.okcchamber.com/schmooza.

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**Teacher Preparation and Support Pipeline**

Oklahoma’s teacher preparation system needs to be improved in order to train, attract, and retain high quality teachers. We support review/revision of policies/laws to improve the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers, including:

- A competitive market-based salary and benefits package which encourages high-performing teachers to stay in the classroom including targeted incentives for STEM, early childhood and special education teachers.
- Eliminate limitations on districts’ ability to offer recruitment and retention incentives outside of negotiated agreements.
- Streamline the certification process for already-certified teachers willing to relocate to Oklahoma.
- Make it financially feasible for more educators to return to the classroom by easing statutory restrictions on retiree earnings, out-of-state service, military service or higher education adjunct service.

**Charter Schools**

The Chamber supports Charter schools and education choices. Charter Schools are public schools, with public school students and are required to adhere to the same rules and requirements as traditional public schools. We support creating high-quality charter schools and enabling successful charter schools to grow.

We support creating a solution to address the facility needs of Oklahoma charter schools that is equitable across all public schools. We should also work to lift the caps on how many students can attend charter schools by:

- Encouraging authorizers to expand caps on charter school attendance.
- Allowing universities to authorize charter schools statewide.

**Long Term Planning for Education**

The Chamber supports creation of a long-term and sustainable plan to improve education and enable our schools to meet the future workforce needs.

**Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics**

The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) has consistently ranked among the nation’s top public high schools. The Chamber supports full funding of OSSM FY 2016 budget request. Recently completed dorms increased the school’s capacity, and a modest increase in funding will allow OSSM to accept additional qualified Oklahoma students and continue to fuel Oklahoma’s economic engine.

**School and Campus Safety**

For each of the past six years, legislation has been introduced that would permit the carrying of guns at Oklahoma colleges and universities. The Chamber continues to oppose these efforts and believes carrying of firearms should not be part of life on campus. The Chamber also opposes efforts to permit the carrying of weapons at early childhood, PreK-12 and Career Tech facilities.

**Higher Education—College Degree Completion and Funding**

Since 2011, Governor Fallin and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have been working to increase the number of degrees and certifications that are awarded by our schools. The Chamber supports prioritizing funds to ensure continued success for the Complete College America initiative.

**Early Childhood Education**

The Chamber steadfastly supports early childhood education and full funding of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs. Targeted spending on our youngest children is simply a smart investment. The Chamber supports legislative initiatives to maintain early childhood education programs and initiatives.

**Oklahoma’s Promise**

Oklahoma’s Promise is one of the most successful college access programs in the country. We oppose legislation that would diminish the program’s focus on college access. We support efforts to increase the number of college graduates and maintaining the direct allocation of state funds which ensures full funding of the scholarships earned by Oklahoma students.

**Maintain and Protect Graduation Requirements**

The Chamber wants all high school graduates to be prepared to enter college or the workforce. We supported
the Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) law that requires students to complete rigorous coursework and pass four of seven end-of-instruction exams. The Chamber opposes weakening graduation requirements or curriculum standards. We oppose legislative and administrative actions that could reduce the rigor of the testing system.

**Attract and Develop High Performing School Leaders**
Top-notch leadership by school superintendents and principals is critical to school performance. Additionally, Oklahoma is facing a shortage of experienced school leaders because of retirements and aging workforce. The Chamber supports creation and implementation of initiatives that attract, retain and develop innovative and high performing school leaders.

**Increased Instruction Time**
Oklahoma currently requires only 175 instructional days, which is among the lowest in the nation, and some schools have instructional days of six hours or less. We support legislation that facilitates increasing instruction time in the classroom and time on-task for students.

**Business & Industry Training**
The Oklahoma CareerTech System is acknowledged as one of the top systems in the nation. CareerTech is a key ingredient in attracting industry to Oklahoma through its Training for Industry Program (TIP). The Chamber supports enhancement of CareerTech programming and ongoing funding to assure that training needs for new and existing industry are being met.

**Career Readiness & Certification**
The Chamber believes Oklahoma needs more of our workforce to have post-secondary education targeted toward the skills that are in demand and meet industry needs. The Chamber supports creation of Industry Recognized Credentials training programs as funding is available.

- We support key scholarship programs, Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grants (OTEG), Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grants (OTAG) and concurrent enrollment. These will help achieve the Complete College America goals by enabling more students enter college and obtain a college degree.
- The Chamber supports higher education capital and maintenance improvements to support record enrollment growth as funding is available.

**2015 Health Care Priorities**

**State Issues**

**Oklahoma Plan/Insure Oklahoma**
The Chamber supports efforts by Oklahoma’s leaders to develop a state-based plan to extend health insurance coverage to up to 200,000 of Oklahoma’s uninsured residents provided the state can: 1) accurately project the future cost of such a plan; and, 2) identify a funding source to pay for this coverage. To ensure the success of this state-based plan, pursuit of all available funds should be considered to reduce the costs of uncompensated care that are currently shifted onto health care providers, employers and individuals.

Additionally, the Chamber supports the State of Oklahoma’s efforts to preserve Insure Oklahoma through securing a multiyear waiver from the federal government. The Chamber further supports broadening Insure Oklahoma to provide health insurance to more of the state’s uninsured.

**Research and Development**
The Chamber will support efforts to foster an environment that is conducive to further research and will oppose efforts to unreasonably restrict the continued
Sporting Events Continue to Grow in OKC

With a rich sporting tradition, a hospitable atmosphere and the constant improvement of its top-notch venues, Oklahoma City continues to grow as a preferred destination for amateur sporting events. In November 2014, the NCAA announced that Oklahoma City will host a 2017 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Regional at the Chesapeake Energy Arena, marking the fifth time Oklahoma City has hosted this event since 2008. This comes on the heels of the announcement that Oklahoma City will host one of the eight 2016 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball First/Second Rounds in the same venue.

“Oklahoma City has always been a favorite destination in the sporting event market, but we have seen a significant increase in events in the past decade,” said Mike Carrier, president of the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), a division of the Chamber. “A combination of Oklahoma City’s renaissance and the renovations to several of our event facilities allows Oklahoma City to be one of the best options for amateur sporting events.”

Also in 2014 came the announcement that Oklahoma City will continue to host the Women’s College World Series at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium - OGE Energy Field until 2035. Oklahoma City has hosted the event since 1990 and is one of three cities to have a permanent NCAA Championship event.

The Oklahoma City CVB and the Oklahoma City All Sports Association work in tandem to support Oklahoma City’s amateur sports market. From 2005-2014, the

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Since 2010, the amateur sporting event industry has gained even more momentum in Oklahoma City. From 2010-2014, sporting events accounted for 36.3 percent of events and more than 50 percent of the room nights booked by the Oklahoma City CVB.

In addition to hosting tournaments and competitions, Oklahoma City also welcomes many national sports meetings. Since 2008, Oklahoma City has hosted the National Association of Sports Commissions (NASC) Regional Workshop, the Association of Sports Executives (ACES), National Sports Forum (NSF), National Association of Sports Commissions (NASC), Minor League Baseball (MiLB) Promotional Seminar, United States Olympic Committee (USOC) National Governing Body Best Practices Meeting, Amateur Softball Association (ASA) National Council Meeting, and USRowing, USA Canoe/Kayak and USA Wrestling Meetings.

“The quality of Oklahoma City’s venues plays a huge role in the recruitment of any event, but this is especially true in the sports convention market,” Carrier said. “The construction and upgrades to Chesapeake Energy Arena allowed us to bid on the NCAA wrestling and volleyball tournaments. The Oklahoma River improvements brought rowing and canoe/kayak events to Oklahoma City. The Bricktown Ballpark also allowed us to host Big 12 baseball tournaments. The improvements to these venues, alongside our strong partnership with the Oklahoma City All-Sports Association, have contributed to the increase in sporting events and meetings in the past five years.”
pace in 2015, posting a moderate expansion of 1.7 percent in 2015. Unemployment rates are expected to increase through the first half of the year and average 4.3 percent for the year before falling back to 4.1 percent in 2016.

While the city’s oil and gas industry accounts for only 3 percent of total employment, it exerts a considerably larger influence on the city’s economic health. Average monthly payrolls are projected to decline by 2 percent in 2015 – a drop in average monthly payroll size of approximately 400 workers. Employment is expected to return to 2014 levels in 2016 as prices improve. However, the current forecasts are dependent on the expectation that crude oil prices will lower in the first half of 2015 before improving through the end of the year.

Economic Diversity Assists with Oil Price Uncertainty

According to the forecast, Oklahoma City faces a contradiction of forces in 2015: the uncertainty of oil prices and its impact on the energy industry verses the pattern of economic diversity that has encouraged Oklahoma City’s growth during recent years. Because of Oklahoma’s economic ties to the energy industry, the state will naturally receive an economic shock from oil price fluctuations.

The oil and gas industry is expected to experience restructuring in operational and financial activities, but the economic impact should be more about capital spending than the longer term employment fluctuations experience by the region in the early 1980’s. Contrasted with that is the metro area’s economic stability and diversification in the past several years. The forecast focuses on how the successes of the past might impact the future of Oklahoma City’s economic strength.

Recruitment and Expansion Reaches Five Year High

In 2014, Chamber-assisted companies announced the creation of 6,582 jobs with an average salary of $59,692. In addition, they announced more than $540 million in capital investment. These are the strongest results in the past five years. It is also the second consecutive year with over 6,500 announced jobs and over $500 million capital investment.

A stronger national economy provided an environment more conducive to companies committing to long term investment projects. Chamber-assisted job announcements were made across 15 different industry
During the 2015 legislative session, the Chamber will lobby on behalf of the business community in an effort to enhance economic development efforts and improve the quality of life of Greater Oklahoma City. However, the Chamber’s success in these endeavors depends on the strong engagement of its members. With the Chamber’s Business Advocacy Center, www.okcbusinessadvocate.com, participation has never been easier.

The website allows users to identify and communicate with their elected officials with just a few clicks and is a source of updated information throughout the session. Additionally, the website offers an indepth view of some of the Chamber’s key issues during the legislative session, including protecting the state’s key economic development incentive programs, completing the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, developing an Oklahoma Plan for the state’s uninsured and protecting funding for the region’s transportation system. In addition to researching issues, Chamber members can receive regular updates about progress on Chamber initiatives at the state Capitol by signing up for “The Business Advocate” email newsletter.

“Through the use of the Business Advocacy Center and all of its tools, our membership will play an important role in the success of the Chamber in 2015,” said Bradley W. Krieger, Arvest Bank, vice chair of government relations for the Chamber.
Chamber Resources Headed Your Way

The Chamber’s annual resource packet will arrive in your mailbox later this month. The packet, which is sent to Chamber members only, will include the 2015 Public Policy Guide (formerly the Legislative Guide) and the 2014 Annual Report.

The Public Policy Guide features the Chamber’s 2015 public policy agenda, election information and contact information for elected officials at the congressional, state, county and local levels. The guide also contains information about the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber Political Action Committee and the Business Advocacy Center (www.okcbusinessadvocate.com).

Also included is the 2014 Annual Report, which details the Chamber’s work to better Oklahoma City through economic development, advocacy and community initiatives. This year, the annual report contains a glimpse into the major initiatives and accomplishments that Chamber has tackled since its founding in May 1889.

In addition to publications, the resource packet will include a 2015 Chamber member plaque sticker and an envelope of attraction discounts and passes from Chamber members. Special thanks to the following sponsors: Brochure Insert Sponsor The Chickasaw Nation; Gift Donation Sponsors American Banjo Museum, Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc., and YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City; and Mailing Sponsor The Oklahoman Direct.

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Mandates
The Chamber opposes new health insurance mandates and liability that will undermine an employer’s ability to provide quality health insurance at reasonable cost to employees.

The Chamber further opposes new mandates being placed on physicians, hospitals and providers that will increase the cost of providing quality health care in Oklahoma.

Physician Shortage/Rural Access
The Chamber supports providing incentives to recruit and retain primary care physicians and allied health professionals in Oklahoma, especially in rural and underserved areas, through expansion of residency programs in the state’s medical schools, scholarships, loan forgiveness and other incentives. The Chamber further supports efforts to identify new funding streams dedicated to this initiative.

The Chamber also supports the expansion of telemedicine as a means of addressing the physician shortage and issue of limited health care access in rural Oklahoma.

Any Willing Provider
The Chamber opposes “any willing provider” legislation which would eliminate the incentive for medical providers to contract with managed care networks and, as a result, potentially frustrate efforts at cost and quality control and ultimately deny consumers the benefits of cost-reducing arrangements with providers.

Wellness/Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan
The Chamber supports state wellness and disease prevention programs which serve to improve the physical and mental health of Oklahoma citizens such as development of a new five-year Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan supported through the State Department of Health; tobacco prevention programs; studies of the potential health effects of e-cigarettes; public outreach initiatives, as well as workplace and school-based wellness, health education, and healthy eating programs.

Smokers as Protected Class
The Chamber supports legislation to remove smokers as a protected class from applicable employment laws.

Prevention of Disease
The Chamber recognizes the detrimental impact that chronic and communicable disease has on quality of life for Oklahoma’s citizens and the severe economic costs it imposes on health care providers and employers. Therefore, the Chamber will support efforts by the state’s elected officials and medical and research communities to develop avenues to successfully prevent and combat chronic and communicable disease.

Penalties for Sale of Over-the-Counter Drugs
The Chamber will oppose measures that would limit access to the sale of legal over-the-counter products.

Prescription Drug Abuse
The Chamber acknowledges prescription drug abuse is a crisis facing Oklahoma and supports collaborative efforts by stakeholders to address this issue that negatively impacts quality of life, health care costs and employers.

Municipal Issues
Local Control
The Chamber supports legislation that would provide municipalities with local control over local issues such as tobacco use and smoking provided existing businesses are exempt or otherwise protected.

Federal issues

- The Chamber supports improving health care quality, access and affordability without imposing new mandates and/or taxes on business. Therefore, the Chamber opposes a single-payer government-run/public option or health care system with government mandates.
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Member Upgrades

The following member companies increased their investment during October - December 2014, demonstrating strong support of the Chamber’s efforts to drive the city’s economy and make this the best place to live, work, play and visit.

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GRAND OPENINGS

Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum
620 N. Harvey Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

NOAH’S Event Venue
14017 Quail Springs Parkway
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Vera’s Posh Paws
8533 N.W. Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK 73162

Congratulations to these Chamber members on their recent Grand Openings!
All Chamber members are welcome to attend Grand Openings.
To view more photos, see the schedule of upcoming Grand Openings
or subscribe to the Grand Openings calendar, visit www.okcchamber.com/grandopenings.

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Personal Incomes Are Growing

- During the past quarter, Oklahoma’s personal income grew at a rate of 1.1 percent.
- Oklahoma is one of the top three states with the highest percentage earnings growth since the 2009 recession.

Oklahoma is a “Top Moving Destination”

More people are moving to Oklahoma. For 2014, Oklahoma ranked No. 9 for inbound moves to the state at 57 percent.

United Van Lines 2014 National Movers Study

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and United Van Lines 2014
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