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OKLAHOMA BIOTECH INNOVATION CLUSTER AWARDED \$35 MILLION IN BUILD BACK BETTER REGIONAL CHALLENGE

The Oklahoma Biotech Innovation Cluster (OBIC) Initiative, a coalition spearheaded by the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber alongside primary partners including the University of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma City Innovation District, and with industry leadership from Echo Investment Capital LLC, has been awarded \$35 million through the Build Back Better Regional Challenge of the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

The OBIC coalition is supported by more than 40 partners across academia, tribal nations, government, industry, community, investors and other key stakeholders involved in the continued development of the burgeoning biotechnology cluster in Oklahoma. These partnerships support initiatives across a unique urban-rural region to foster inclusive access to high-wage career pathways, increase R&D programs and partnerships, and expand critical scientific infrastructure that make our region more conducive to the commercialization of high-value innovations.

The grant proposal was designed to catalyze the bioscience sector in the Oklahoma City region, taking advantage of groundwork laid in the industry by Oklahoma City leaders over the last 25 years, the growth of new private investment in the region, and

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CHAMBER WILL HOUSE AND OPERATE CITY'S NEW FILM OFFICE

The City of Oklahoma City and Greater Oklahoma City Chamber have established the Oklahoma City Office of Film and Creative Industries. The office will be housed and operated by the Chamber.

“This is an important step to growing this emerging industry,” said Roy Williams, president and CEO of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber. “Oklahoma City has strong momentum for growth of employment and enterprises in this sector. The office will help to facilitate that growth and coalesce the industry around crucial factors such as workforce development and advocacy.”

The office has several functions, including:

- Marketing Oklahoma City as a location for film and television production.
- Supporting the implementation of the Oklahoma City Film Incentive Program.
- Providing location scouting assistance and support databases cataloging Oklahoma City crews, talent, locations and production services.
- Serving as a one-stop concierge and ombudsman with the film industry.
- Serving as the local “voice” for existing film industry/filmmakers to connect our local resources, such as small businesses, minority, and disadvantaged businesses and BIPOC community members to industry opportunity.
- Serving as a hub and clearing house for film

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Safia Franks, RN
Cardiology

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- OU Health Weekend Position (*Work 2 shifts, get paid for 3*)
- OU Health Travel at Home Position
- OU Health Education Accelerator Program

Apply today by visiting OUHealth.com/Nursing. Job opportunities are available in all areas of adult and pediatric care, oncology and more, in hospital and clinical care settings, including OU Health University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Oklahoma Children's Hospital OU Health, OU Health Edmond Medical Center and OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center.

As an integrated academic health system, interested nurses can practice at OU Health and seek a faculty appointment at the OU Fran and Earl Ziegler College of Nursing.



LEADERSHIP NOTES

OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Urban school districts across the country have seen declining enrollment trends, growing operational costs, and dramatic staffing shortages but Oklahoma City Public Schools is bucking the trends – and they are doing so because of planning and leadership.

OKCPS developed and implemented the Pathway to Greatness initiative in 2019 to create efficiencies and reinvest savings back in the classroom, add counselors and nurses, and increase technology resources.

While the pandemic interrupted anticipated outcomes, these investments are now bringing many families back to the district. Enrollment numbers are climbing – with 33,311 students enrolled, more than 2,000 more students than last school year.

The district diligently worked to provide resources and salary increases for teachers and has filled 98% of all staff vacancies this year, a notable accomplishment when schools across the state are struggling to find and retain teachers. OKCPS teachers also renewed their contracts, which included a significant pay increase, earlier than in the past. In addition, the district raised starting salaries to \$42,000, higher than the state minimum, to attract top talent.

The successes OKCPS has experienced are a result of visionary leadership from Superintendent McDaniel and the school Board, and they are not looking to coast on these positive outcomes. The school bond vote on Nov. 8 is the community's opportunity to stand with the district and invest in our future by voting YES.

OKCPS is educating the future of our city, and we must do our part to provide them with the best opportunities.



Roy H. Williams, CCE
Chamber President & CEO



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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAMBER FORUM

CALENDAR

(Events are subject to change.
Consult okcchamber.com/events for
the most recent updates.)

OCTOBER 11

Chamber Connection
8:30 to 10 a.m.
RACK59 Data Center
7725 W Reno, Suite 304
okcchamber.com/connection

OCTOBER 19

Chamber Forum
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Vast
333 W Sheridan Ave.
okcchamber.com/octoberforum

OCTOBER 27

DC Spotlight
8 to 9:30 a.m.
Oklahoma Christian University
2501 E Memorial Rd.
okcchamber.com/dcspotlight

NOVEMBER 9

State of the Economy
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
National Cowboy & Western
Heritage Museum
1700 NE 63rd St.
okcchamber.com/econ

NOVEMBER 16

Chamber Forum
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Vast
333 W Sheridan Ave.
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DECEMBER 8

Annual Meeting
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
National Cowboy & Western
Heritage Museum
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OKCPS school bond election topic of Oct. 19 Chamber Forum; November Forum to focus on EDA grant and future of bioscience in OKC

Oklahoma City voters will have an opportunity to hear more about November's Oklahoma City school bond election during the Chamber Forum scheduled for later this month.

A panel comprised of education officials and Oklahoma City business leaders will discuss the impact of the school bond vote proposed by the Oklahoma City Public Schools. The election will take place on Nov. 8 at polling sites all across the OKC Public Schools District. Participating in the panel will be:

- Paula Lewis, Board Chair, Oklahoma City Public Schools
- Torie Luster Pennington, President, Oklahoma City American Federation of Teachers
- Natalie Shirley, Vice Chair, Convention & Visitor Development, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber

The Chamber Forum will be held Oct. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vast. The cost to attend is \$40 for Chamber members, \$50 for nonmembers. To register or learn more, visit okcchamber.com/octoberforum.

NOVEMBER FORUM

November's Chamber Forum will examine the future of OKC's bioscience sector in light of the \$35 million Build Back Better Regional Challenge grant the EDA recently awarded to OKC for its Oklahoma Biotech Innovation Cluster initiative.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets in advance for the November Chamber Forum, which will be held Nov. 16 at Vast, may do so by visiting okcchamber.com/novemberforum. Tickets are \$40 for Chamber members and \$50 for nonmembers.

Visit the events page on the Chamber website for up-to-date information on this and other events the Chamber hosts throughout the year.

The Chamber Forum series brings thought leaders together to discuss major initiatives, programs and current issues that impact Oklahoma City's business climate, economy and community.

Special thanks to our Series Presenting Sponsor Cox Business and Series Corporate Sponsor ADG|Blatt.



STATE OF THE ECONOMY

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber welcomes expert economist Anirban Basu, chairman and CEO of Sage Policy Group, an economic and policy consulting firm in Baltimore, Md., as the featured keynote during its annual State of the Economy event, Nov. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

State of the Economy is an opportunity for chamber and nonchamber members alike to stay informed on Oklahoma City's economy. Attendees hear directly from expert economists on trends in the local and national economy, as well as on issues impacting the global economy.

In his keynote presentation, Basu will supply in-depth analysis of the major factors shaping economic outcomes, including elevated inflation, lingering pandemic, worker shortages, war in Europe, rising interest rates, and stepped up infrastructure spending. Basu will then turn toward a forecast for the year to come.

State of the Economy will also include a panel discussion from several regional economists on the issues that are particularly important to our state. Participating in the panel will include:

- Robert Dauffenbach, Ph.D., Senior Associate Dean for Economic Development and Impact, Director of Center for Economic and Management Research, University of Oklahoma
- Russell Evans, Ph.D., Partner and Chief Economist, Thorberg Collectorate
- Travis Roach, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, College of Business, University of Central Oklahoma
- Mark Snead, Ph.D., President and Economist, RegionTrack, Inc.

Tickets are \$60 for Chamber members and \$85 for nonmembers. To register or learn more, visit

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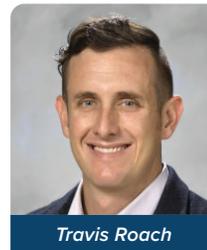
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CHAMBER CONNECTION

Upcoming Event

Tuesday, Oct. 11 | 8:30 to 10 a.m.
RACK59 Data Center | 7725 W. Reno Ave., Suite 304

No cost to attend!

Want to find out more about your company's investment in the Chamber? Attend the Chamber Connection Oct. 11 or Nov. 3 and learn more about the Chamber's key initiatives while also meeting other members. You will walk away with a better understanding of the Chamber's role in Oklahoma City's business community, including:

- Economic development efforts
- Government relations activities
- Community involvement programs
- Involvement opportunities

Register at okcchamber.com/connection

LIVE CONVERSATION WITH SEN. INHOFE FEATURED DURING CHAMBER'S DC SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma will be in Oklahoma City for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber's DC Spotlight Oct. 27 to give a final farewell during his last Chamber event before officially retiring from the U.S. Senate in January. Inhofe will sit down with Chamber Chairman Sean Trauschke for a conversation about his public service career.

Inhofe has been a valued champion for aviation and aerospace, military defense, transportation, infrastructure and other key industries vital to the economy and business climate of Oklahoma City and the surrounding region.

Inhofe, who announced his retirement from the U.S. Senate earlier this year, has served in Washington, D.C., as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for seven years and the U.S. Senate for 28 years. He is

currently the top-ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, the senior member on the Environment and Public Works Committee and serves on the Senate Small Business Committee.

"Senator Inhofe has done so much for Oklahoma and Oklahoma City throughout his nearly 35 years in Congress that we want to show our gratitude and appreciation for his long career as a public servant," said Trauschke. "I think everyone attending DC Spotlight will enjoy getting to know the senator a little better and learn how he has positively impacted many people's lives over the years as he approaches this next chapter in his life."

DC Spotlight is scheduled from 8 to 9:30 a.m. inside the Gaylord University Center ballroom at Oklahoma Christian University. Individual tickets for DC Spotlight are \$50 for Chamber members and \$75 for nonmembers and can be purchased online at okcchamber.com/dcspotlight. Sponsor tables of eight with additional recognition are available for \$1,000. Please contact Suzanne Ellison Jordan at sellison@okcchamber.com for table sponsor inquiries.

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CELEBRATE OKC AND THE CHAMBER'S VISION DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING DEC. 8

It is not too early to begin making plans to attend the Chamber's Annual Meeting that is set for Dec. 8. The event, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, focuses on the success of Oklahoma City and the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber.

The Chamber Chair will review the past year's accomplishments and provide a preview of future priorities.

You can purchase tickets now for this year's Annual Meeting by visiting okcchamber.com/annual. Tickets are \$75 for Chamber members and \$100 for nonmembers. Sponsor tables of eight with additional recognition

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The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum will host the Chamber's Annual Meeting on Dec. 8.

the opportunities presented by growing complexities and bottlenecks in the drug development and delivery process.

“This grant presents Oklahoma City with an opportunity to expand its role as a national hub for drug development, testing and manufacturing,” said Roy Williams, Chamber president and CEO. “Today’s announcement is only possible due to the partners working together, and the guidance and support of central Oklahoma’s congressional delegation.

The interrelated investments in the grant unify the product development pipeline from translational research to testing and manufacturing while providing support (workforce, entrepreneurial start-ups and industry partnerships) to bolster the bioscience innovation ecosystem in the region. The coalition’s plan was developed to seize upon industry shifts that are increasingly advantaging cost-effective and streamlined development ecosystems, enabling life sciences innovators to move seamlessly from ideation to clinical trials and manufacturing, and eventually to market without leaving Oklahoma.

“Many of the new drugs and therapies we need today are being developed in small, agile bioscience companies, which face significant challenges and financial hurdles,” said Christian Kanady, founding partner at Echo Investment Capital. “Oklahoma City has built-in cost advantages for business operation, and when you combine that with an infrastructure that supports the testing and development process, we become a great solution for growing bioscience companies needing access to clinical trial networks and to biomanufacturing, without relying on foreign providers.”



Current construction project in the OKC Innovation District.



Ten translational research labs dedicated to drug discovery will be developed within the Stephenson Cancer Center.

The grant will fund six core investment projects:

- OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center for Therapeutic – Translational Research Labs: development of 10 translational research labs dedicated to drug discovery.
- Oklahoma Biotech Startup Program – supportive programming to build a vibrant regional biotech startup pipeline led by the University of Oklahoma.
- The University of Oklahoma Biotech Core Facility – a new facility with state-of-the-art high-throughput, advanced bioprocessing equipment and services for instructors and researchers at OU, local nonprofit organizations like OMRF, and private companies like Wheeler Bio.
- OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center Early Phase Clinical Trial Network – an initiative to double the size of the existing clinical trial program at OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center, commensurate with the demand for Phase I trials created through accompanying translational science investments and industry growth.
- Biomanufacturing Workforce Training Center – a new program housed in the Oklahoma City Innovation District to meet the growing demand for skilled labor in the OBIC, which will enable the formation of inclusive, non-degreed career pathways into high-wage jobs.
- Oklahoma Bioscience Cluster Initiative – an initiative to lead regular convenings of industry leadership, conduct needs assessments, encourage regional connectivity and spur policy advocacy.

This level of engagement recognizes the importance of “connectivity” across research, commercialization, new venture and product development with cluster growth-spanning activities from technology development to clinical trials to manufacturing and distribution.



CHAMBER LEADING CAMPAIGN TO PASS SCHOOL BOND ISSUE FOR OKC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber is taking the lead in a campaign urging Oklahoma City voters to approve a \$955 million school bond issue for Oklahoma City Public Schools on Nov. 8, a vote Chamber officials and other supporters describe as transformational for students, the district and Oklahoma City.

A resolution to move ahead with the school bond election was unanimously approved by the Oklahoma City School Board during their Aug. 15 special meeting.

Through its “Invest in Our Future” campaign, the Chamber’s mission is to help Oklahoma City voters understand more fully the importance of passing the bond issue and how it will make positive impacts for decades to come. The Chamber has created a campaign website at okcfuture.com that is designed to provide a wealth of information for voters before they head to the polls on Nov. 8.

“If you look at all the resources and opportunities available to students across the entire Oklahoma City metro, you will see there is a noticeable inequity in what kids in suburban districts get or have access to compared to what is available for students in the Oklahoma City Public Schools District. Don’t OKC students also deserve access to the same kinds of resources and opportunities as their peers in other metro districts?” said Teresa

Rose, Communities Foundation of Oklahoma executive director and Invest in Our Future campaign chair.

The Oklahoma City Public Schools District is comprised of 66 schools, and the average age of those schools is 72 years. Nine of those schools are about 100 years old. Every school in the district will be impacted by the bond issue, protecting our community’s investment in our school infrastructure.

“This bond election is an opportunity to do some transformational work,” said OKCPS Superintendent Dr. Sean McDaniel, who noted that not only will the bond issue address some facility deficiencies throughout the district, but it will also allow OKCPS to fund maintenance, technology and capital improvement projects that are sorely needed. There will also be an elevated focus on workforce development and college readiness, he said.

“We know that pipelines into the workforce need to begin in Pre-K through 12th grade, and so what we want to do is expand opportunities for kids,” McDaniel said.

Just as separate oversight committees have been created to oversee MAPS (Metropolitan Area Projects) projects as well as construction of the new county jail, OKCPS has adopted that same philosophy by creating its own oversight committee to ensure that the district is using the bond dollars as intended. The committee is made up of administration and community members.

Construction projects could begin as early as 2023, and any new school project will be completed and slated to open for fall 2026.

industry workforce training programs and apprenticeships for incoming productions and locally based companies.

- Providing outreach to local stakeholders, raising awareness of opportunities and seeking financial investment for the Oklahoma City Film industry.

The office will be led by Jill Simpson, former director of the Oklahoma Film and Music Office.

“Oklahoma City has so much momentum for the growth of this industry,” said Simpson. “The increase of activity combined with new assets such as Prairie Surf Studios and Green Pastures, and the expanded State incentive have made Oklahoma City the new film destination to watch nationally.”

Oklahoma City has been recognized nationally as an up-and-coming film destination. MovieMaker magazine named the region No. 13 on its list of Best Places to Live and Work as a Moviemaker and named Oklahoma City



Places like Prairie Surf Studios, pictured above, should see more production work with creation of new OKC Film Office.

Community College as one of the country’s 40 best film schools.

The official launch of the film office is planned for later this year.

JAIL BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CREATED; MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED SOON

The Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County (BOCC) recently passed a resolution establishing a jail bond oversight committee that will “act in an advisory role to assist the BOCC with regards to best practices, professional expertise, and wise and efficient use of bond sale proceeds in all aspects of the projects for the construction of a new [Oklahoma County Detention Center], including site selection, facility design, and public transparency and accountability.”

“...a workhorse committee, not a show horse committee.”

Timothy Tardibono, executive director for the county’s Criminal Justice Advisory Council, which was formed in 2017 as a result of a recommendation from the Vera Institute Report to the Greater Oklahoma City

Chamber Criminal Justice Reform Task Force to ensure accountability and transparency in the county justice system, said now that the county commissioners have created the citizen-led bond oversight committee, the next step is to fill the seven spots on the committee. That task must be completed by Dec. 5.

“Interestingly enough, we borrowed some of the language from the MAPS 4 Citizens Advisory Board language. They will advise the Board of County Commissioners on the wise and efficient use of bond sale proceeds for the construction of the new jail, including site selection, site design, public transparency and accountability,” Tardibono said.

“The citizen’s bond oversight committee is going to be a workhorse committee, not a show horse committee. Serving on the committee will require some homework from its members and the ability to make important decisions,” he said.

Each county commissioner will next appoint one member to the board; the other four will serve as at-large members. Each member of the oversight committee will then serve three-year terms and will be eligible for reappointment once their respective terms expire.

CHAMBER RELEASES ANNUAL SCORECARD FROM 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

To keep its members informed on relevant issues at the state Capitol, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber prepares a Legislative Scorecard every year. The scorecard includes information provided by the statewide Research Institute for Economic Development (RIED) to identify elected officials' votes on issues important to the business community.

Alongside the state's RIED scores, the Chamber also assigns a score to legislators based on the Chamber's priority issues. The following charts represent voting records for state Senate and House members during the 2022 legislative session.

Issues identified by the Chamber and/or RIED for this year's scores included, but were not limited to, votes on the following bills:

- Pharmacy Benefit Managers (SB 1860)
- Strategic Industrial Tax Credit (HB 3081)
- Expungements (HB 3316)
- Teacher Scholarships (HB 3564)
- Incentives for Mega Projects (HB 4455)

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DIST.	2022 RIED	2022 OKC
Baker, Rhonda	R	60	84%	70%
Bashore, Steve	R	7	85%	83%
Bell, Merleyn	D	45	NS	40%
Bennett, Forrest	D	92	68%	78%
Blancett, Meloyde	D	78	58%	67%
Boatman, Jeff	R	67	88%	83%
Boles, Brad	R	51	70%	74%
Brewer, Denise	D	71	NS	42%
Burns, Ty	R	35	85%	83%
Bush, Carol	R	70	77%	55%
Caldwell, Chad	R	40	77%	71%
Caldwell, Trey	R	63	74%	78%
Conley, Sherrie	R	20	NS	59%
Cornwell, Rusty	R	6	85%	83%
Crosswhite Hader, D.	R	41	82%	74%
Culver, Bob Ed	R	4	76%	83%

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DIST.	2022 RIED	2022 OKC
Davis, Dean	R	98	88%	76%
Dempsey, Eddy	R	1	85%	83%
Dills, Sheila	R	69	86%	76%
Dobrinski, Mike	R	59	76%	76%
Dollens, Mickey	D	93	42%	59%
Echols, Jon	R	90	88%	83%
Fetgatter, Scott	R	16	71%	71%
Ford, Ross	R	76	87%	78%
Frix, Avery	R	13	77%	76%
Fugate, Andy	D	94	58%	74%
Gann, Tom	R	8	55%	38%
Goodwin, Regina	D	73	44%	53%
Grego, Jim	R	17	86%	76%
Hardin, David	R	86	85%	83%
Hardin, Tommy	R	49	58%	38%
Hasenbeck, Toni	R	65	83%	69%
Hilbert, Kyle	R	29	88%	76%
Hill, Brian	R	47	85%	62%
Humphrey, Justin	R	19	97%	92%
Johns, Ronny	R	25	77%	83%
Kannady, Chris	R	91	85%	71%
Kendrix, Gerrid	R	52	70%	74%
Kerbs, Dell	R	26	78%	76%
Lawson, Mark	R	30	86%	76%
Lepak, Mark	R	9	100%	87%
Lowe, Dick	R	56	85%	84%
Lowe, Jason	D	97	58%	62%
Luttrell, Ken	R	37	84%	83%
Manger, Robert	R	101	74%	83%
Marti, T.J.	R	75	81%	57%
Martinez, Ryan	R	39	100%	73%
May, Stan	R	80	88%	92%
McBride, Mark	R	53	97%	71%
McCall, Charles	R	22	83%	83%
McDugle, Kevin	R	12	83%	85%
McEntire, Marcus	R	50	73%	76%
Miller, Nicole	R	82	88%	76%
Mize, Garry	R	31	NS	78%
Moore, Anthony	R	57	76%	83%
Munson, Cyndi	D	85	55%	74%
Newton, Carl	R	58	79%	69%
Nichols, Monroe	D	72	68%	76%
Nollan, Jadine	R	66	83%	83%
O'Donnell, Terry	R	23	79%	76%
Olsen, Jim	R	2	67%	65%

*NS = Not Scoring

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DIST.	2022 RIED	2022 OKC
Osburn, Mike	R	81	97%	94%
Pae, Daniel	R	62	76%	62%
Patzkowsky, Kenton	R	61	88%	83%
Pfeiffer, John	R	38	97%	100%
Phillips, Logan	R	24	96%	71%
Pittman, Ajay	D	99	50%	50%
Provenzano, Melissa	D	79	70%	76%
Randleman, Randy	R	15	84%	76%
Ranson, Trish	D	34	58%	74%
Roberts, Dustin	R	21	83%	83%
Roberts, Eric	R	83	85%	83%
Roberts, Sean	R	36	97%	92%
Roe, Cynthia	R	42	86%	71%
Rosecrants, Jacob	D	46	58%	69%
Russ, Todd	R	55	NS	64%
Sims, Lonnie	R	68	81%	69%
Smith, David	R	18	76%	76%
Sneed, Chris	R	14	71%	62%
Stark, Marilyn	R	100	74%	83%
Steagall, Jay	R	43	40%	65%
Stearman, Wendi	R	11	55%	38%
Sterling, Danny	R	27	85%	62%
Stinson, Preston	R	96	84%	69%
Strom, Judd	R	10	81%	69%
Talley, John	R	33	85%	83%
Townley, Tammy	R	48	81%	62%
Turner, Mauree	D	88	67%	76%
Vancuren, Mark	R	74	69%	60%
Virgin, Emily	D	44	64%	60%
Waldron, John	D	77	76%	83%
Walke, Collin	D	87	35%	53%
Wallace, Kevin	R	32	76%	62%
West, Josh	R	5	73%	83%
West, Kevin	R	54	61%	76%
West, Rick	R	3	61%	38%
West, Tammy	R	84	85%	83%
Williams, Danny	R	28	88%	84%
Wolfley, Max	R	95	64%	65%
Worthen, Rande	R	64	85%	83%

SENATOR	PARTY	DIST.	2022 RIED	2022 OKC
Allen, Mark	R	4	72%	63%
Bergstrom, Micheal	R	1	72%	73%
Boren, Mary	D	16	45%	63%

SENATOR	PARTY	DIST.	2022 RIED	2022 OKC
Brooks, Michael	D	44	61%	73%
Bullard, David	R	6	78%	73%
Burns, George	R	5	74%	73%
Coleman, Bill	R	10	85%	90%
Dahm, Nathan	R	33	60%	29%
Daniels, Julie	R	29	94%	100%
David, Kim	R	18	97%	86%
Dossett, JJ	D	34	77%	66%
Dossett, Jo Anna	D	35	58%	63%
Dugger, Tom	R	21	85%	90%
Floyd, Kay	D	46	50%	70%
Garvin, Jessica	R	43	84%	90%
Hall, Chuck	R	20	75%	83%
Hamilton, Warren	R	7	64%	40%
Haste, John	R	36	84%	90%
Hicks, Carri	D	40	52%	53%
Howard, Brent	R	38	88%	90%
Jech, Darcy	R	26	85%	90%
Jett, Shane	R	17	52%	50%
Kidd, Chris	R	31	82%	90%
Kirt, Julia	D	30	52%	63%
Leewright, James	R	12	86%	83%
Matthews, Kevin	D	11	50%	53%
McCortney, Greg	R	13	84%	90%
Merrick, Jake	R	22	48%	53%
Montgomery, John	R	32	97%	93%
Murdock, Casey	R	27	85%	76%
Newhouse, Joe	R	25	86%	83%
Paxton, Lonnie	R	23	87%	95%
Pederson, Roland	R	19	79%	80%
Pemberton, DeWayne	R	9	85%	90%
Pugh, Adam	R	41	81%	76%
Quinn, Marty	R	2	NS	52%
Rader, Dave	R	39	88%	90%
Rogers, Cody	R	37	79%	83%
Rosino, Paul	R	45	76%	80%
Simpson, Frank	R	14	84%	83%
Standridge, Rob	R	15	58%	70%
Stanley, Brenda	R	42	85%	90%
Stephens, Blake	R	3	85%	90%
Taylor, Zack	R	28	85%	83%
Thompson, Roger	R	8	84%	83%
Treat, Greg	R	47	86%	95%
Weaver, Darrell	R	24	79%	80%
Young, George	D	48	61%	70%

*NS = Not Scoring

STATE LAWMAKERS APPROVE \$63M IN ARPA, PREP FUNDS FOR CHAMBER-SUPPORTED PROJECTS

During a special session of the Oklahoma Legislature held Sept. 28-29, state lawmakers allocated more than \$1.5 billion for 45 projects under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and another \$250 million for projects under the state's Progressing Rural Economic Prosperity (PREP) Fund. Legislators allocated \$63 million for three of those projects actively supported by the Chamber, becoming law when the period for Gov. Stitt to veto the bills expired.

Two of those projects will receive ARPA funding: 1) \$35 million for waterline relocation at Tinker Air Force Base, and 2) \$8 million infrastructure installation at OKC's 577 commerce park located in southeast OKC near the old Crossroads Mall.

Officials say a 60-inch waterline that serves about 400,000 residents and currently runs parallel to Douglas Blvd. from Lake Stanley Draper must be relocated due to the pending closure of a two-mile section of Douglas as part of Tinker's expansion to the east. Once completed, the waterline would be entirely outside of Tinker's secured area.



State lawmakers approved \$35 million in ARPA funds to relocate a waterline along Douglas Blvd. at Tinker Air Force Base in preparation for the base's expansion to the east.

The OKC 577 project consists of developing the 577-acre site into a premier business industrial park in order to lure future tenants and would include the relocation of various utilities such as water, sewer, electricity and



The Legislature approved \$20 million from the state's PREP Fund for a new extension at the State Fairgrounds that will eventually connect the Super Barn with the new coliseum.

natural gas as well as other infrastructure to provide state-of-the-art facilities and amenities to its tenants.

In addition to ARPA funds, the Legislature also allocated \$20 million from the state's PREP Fund for a new multipurpose exhibit and educational building at the State Fairgrounds as well as a new extension, which would connect the Super Barn with the new coliseum.

"We were pleased to see all three projects supported by the Chamber receive ARPA or PREP funding. We appreciate the outstanding work by our partners who submitted the requests – the City of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Economic Development Alliance and the State Fairgrounds – in preparing the applications and working with us to navigate through the extended ARPA/PREP process," said Mark VanLandingham, the Chamber's vice president of government relations.

"Finally, I want to thank the Legislature for recognizing the need to expand Tinker AFB, buildout infrastructure to OKC's 577 commerce park, and further develop and enhance the State Fairgrounds to position these critical facilities for future success and growth. The Legislature was a judicious steward of the state's ARPA/REAP funds and dispersed those funds in a way that will generate economic development throughout the state. The special session was a big win for all of Oklahoma," VanLandingham added.

NATIONAL APPALOOSA SHOW RETURNING TO OKC IN 2023

The national Appaloosa Horse Club (AHC) recently signed a three-year contract with Oklahoma City to host its 75th National Appaloosa Show in 2023 and the 2023 World Championship Appaloosa Youth Show. The event runs June 27 through July 5.

The move from their current venue, Tulsa, Okla., to Oklahoma City will be a homecoming for the Appaloosa Horse Show as the show was previously held at the OKC Fairgrounds throughout the 90s and into the 2000s.

“If you look at those cities that annually compete for these types of events, places such as Tulsa, Fort Worth, Las Vegas and others, Oklahoma City’s new coliseum will stand up to or even exceed all of those cities’ coliseums and arenas. The AHC wanted to be part of that momentum,” said Zac Craig, president of the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau, a division of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber.

In an earlier news release announcing the move, AHC Executive Secretary Kristopher Byrd said, “We are excited to have the opportunity to send off the [Ron

Norick Arena] in style, and we look forward to the experience the new coliseum will provide our members. These shows will truly be next-level events in a premier facility that you don’t want to miss.”

Craig recognized the staff at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds for their roles in helping bring back the National Appaloosa Show to OKC, specifically the contributions of former president and CEO of Oklahoma State Fair, Inc., Tim O’Toole; current president and CEO Kirk Slaughter; and senior vice president Bill Allen.



The Appaloosa Horse Club’s 2021 World Show.

GRAND OPENINGS

Congratulations to Chamber members on their recent Grand Openings! To see the schedule of upcoming Grand Openings or subscribe to the Grand Openings calendar, visit okcchamber.com/grandopenings.

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BANKRATE RANKS OKLAHOMA CITY AS FOURTH BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN US America's Best Places to Live (2022)

CITY	RANK	AFFORD- ABILITY (OUT OF 10)	DIVERSITY (OUT OF 10)	JOB MARKET (OUT OF 10)	SAFETY (OUT OF 10)	WELLNESS (OUT OF 10)
RALEIGH, NC	1	7	5	8	9	7
CHARLESTON, SC	2	6	N/A	9	7	8
AUSTIN, TX	3	6	6	9	6	9
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	4	8	8	10	7	5
TAMPA, FL	5	7	6	8	7	7
BOISE, ID	6	5	N/A	10	8	7
PROVIDENCE, RI	7	7	N/A	7	7	8
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	8	6	7	9	4	9

SOURCE: BANK RATE, JUNE 2022. A RANK OF 1 REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST QUALITY.

BankRate ranked Oklahoma City in the top five for best places to live in America.

In order to identify the best places to live, Bankrate examined the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. through the lens of an essential question: What makes a place livable and lovable?

Applying a 10-point scale, BankRate considered several factors, including:

- What it costs?

- How it feels?
- Who is moving there?
- A diversity score, when data is available.

Oklahoma City scored a 38 out of 50 points, with most of its high ranking contributing to its low unemployment rate, abundance of sunny days and low cost of living.

All of these factors combined helped OKC's ranking as one of the best cities to live in the country.

For comprehensive Economic Indicators and regional data, please visit your Greater Oklahoma City Chamber Economic Development Division at greateroklahomacity.com or contact Eric Long, Research Economist at 405-297-8976 or email him at elong@okcchamber.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

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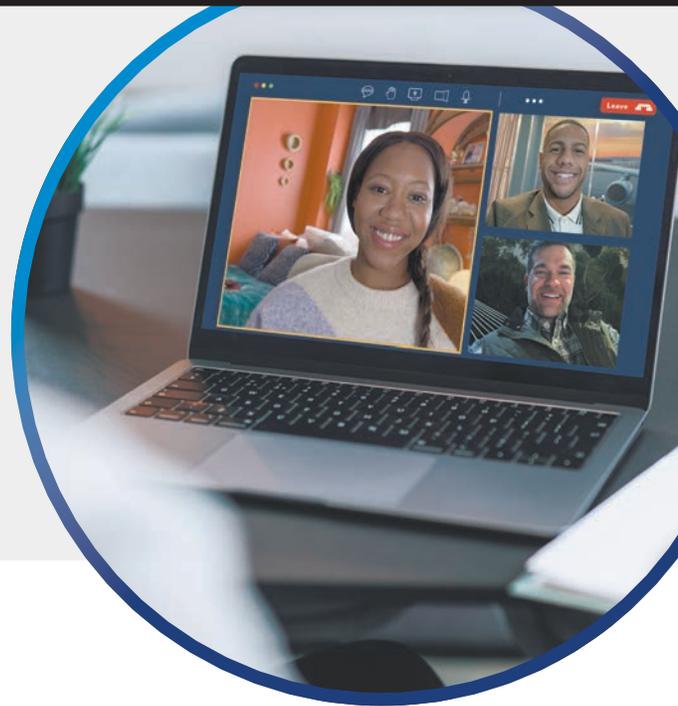


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