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CANOO'S STRATEGIC MOVE TO OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS WILL ENHANCE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE SECTOR

Canoo Inc. will migrate its engineering workforce to its two established Oklahoma locations, Oklahoma City and Pryor, and will relocate its corporate headquarters from Torrance, California to Justin, Texas.

“It’s an honor to partner with the state of Oklahoma and its workforce to create a legacy for electric vehicles in America’s Heartland,” said Tony Aquila, Investor, Executive Chairman and CEO of Canoo.

Canoo is a technology equipment manufacturer for commercial, government and fleet electric cargo vehicles.



The company boasts world-class vehicle and battery facilities located in Oklahoma City, which was designated as a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) earlier this year.

“This FTZ will generate economic growth, American jobs and have a long-term permanent financial benefit to

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OKC FAME: NURTURING TALENT WITH CLIMATE CONTROL GROUP FOR OKLAHOMA'S WORKFORCE

To help manufacturers in the Greater Oklahoma City region secure the talent needed to grow and maintain a national presence, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber helped launch Oklahoma’s first chapter of the Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) program.

This national program combines academic learning with hands-on training to prepare students for manufacturing careers. OKC FAME partnered with Oklahoma State University - OKC to provide an associate’s degree for the students, while also collaborating

with manufacturers that provide part-time employment, including Climate Control Group, IDEX Energy – Advanced Flow Solutions and OMADA International.

“The OKC-FAME program is unique in our market because it is truly an industry-driven talent partnership,” said Lee Copeland, director of talent programs and partnerships at the Chamber. “We’re so grateful for the robust engagement of our partner-employers. Their involvement ensures real-time grounding for our students; connecting their technical classroom learning, the FAME curriculum and methodology with real-world application in one synchronized program.”

In late June, eight students were honored as the first students in Oklahoma to join OKC FAME, beginning their roles at their respective manufacturing companies in August. After nearly eight weeks of balancing work

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A New Noninvasive Treatment for Essential Tremor

OU Health is the first and only health system in Oklahoma to offer an incisionless treatment for patients with medical refractory essential tremor that can result in improvement in hand, head and body shaking as well as increased mobility through a same-day treatment. Called “Focused Ultrasound,” the new technology is for essential tremor patients who have not responded to medication, or who cannot take it.

Focused ultrasound for essential tremor is an FDA-approved, non-invasive procedure that’s transforming patient care. The procedure uses ultrasound waves to target the specific areas of the brain responsible for tremors. Guided by MRI, the soundwaves pass safely through the skull and soft tissues to focus heat on only the targeted area, providing relief from symptoms. With no surgical cuts or permanent implants necessary, there is minimal to no risk of infection, and the treatment is often performed on an outpatient basis. Many patients can expect to resume normal activities within days.

OU Health is proud to be the first in Oklahoma to offer this revolutionary treatment.

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LEADERSHIP NOTES



When businesses invest in educating their employees about voting and empower them to make informed decisions, they contribute to improving both their lives and the community. Businesses that advocate for voter participation help create a more engaged community and drive better outcomes.

Oklahoma City needs greater voter involvement, especially from the business community, as past elections have shown alarmingly low turnout. Often, candidates who don't support economic development or business interests are elected simply because too few voters are participating.

For instance, during the June 18 primaries, voter turnout in Oklahoma hovered around 19-20%, which is very low. School board races in Oklahoma see an average turnout of only 6%, and in an April 2024 school board race in Oklahoma City, just 2% of voters showed up. Even in the 2020 presidential election, Oklahoma ranked 50th in the U.S. for voter turnout, with only 55% of Oklahomans voting.

Election outcomes greatly influence the direction of our city and the success of local businesses. By promoting voter participation, businesses can help create an environment that supports the economic well-being of the community.

In Oklahoma City, the importance of business involvement in the voting process cannot be overstated. By educating employees and fostering a culture of civic engagement, businesses can ensure their voices are more effectively heard.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

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OCTOBER 16

Chamber Forum

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The Petroleum Club
100 N Broadway, 34th Floor
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NOVEMBER 14

State of the Economy

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
National Cowboy & Western
Heritage Museum
1700 NE 63rd St.
OKCChamber.com/Economy

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Annual Meeting

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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October Chamber Forum to explore economic impact of equine and livestock Industries

The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber will host its October Chamber Forum, highlighting the economic impact of the equine and livestock industries in the Greater Oklahoma City region, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16 at the Petroleum Club.

Oklahoma City is known as the Horse Show Capital of the World, hosting 13 marquee equine events in Fiscal Year '24, along with two marquee livestock events. This title is further exemplified by the arrival of key players in the equine and livestock industries, with Professional's Choice serving as a primary example of this growth.

Professional's Choice, a leader in equine sports medicine products, relocated its corporate headquarters from Southern California to Oklahoma City nearly one year ago, in late 2023. The relocation of headquarters to Oklahoma City provided the company with a larger warehouse, proximity to customers and access to a highly skilled workforce.

The company's move from California to Oklahoma City highlights Oklahoma City's reputation as a prime location for the equine and livestock industries, which continue to grow and thrive.

To discuss the economic impact these industries have on the region, the October Chamber Forum will feature a panel of key industry leaders: Jerry Reynolds, President, Oklahoma National Stockyards; Billy Smith, Commissioner, National Reining Horse Association; Kirk Slaughter, President and CEO, OK State Fair; Blayne Arthur, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture; and Jeff Tebow, CEO, Heritage Place. The panel will be moderated by horse enthusiast Rhonda Hooper, President & CEO, Jordan Advertising.

STATE OF THE REGION – TRANSPORTATION AND OKLAHOMA CITY'S GROWTH

During the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber's annual State of the Region event, the critical role of transportation infrastructure in supporting Oklahoma City's growth was a focal point of discussion. Tim Gatz, executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), outlined the department's strategic approach to enhancing infrastructure to meet the demands of a rapidly expanding population and drive economic development.

Gatz began by emphasizing the need for Oklahoma City to avoid the congestion challenges faced by larger metropolitan areas. He noted, "In Houston, it can take an hour and a half to travel across the metropolitan area. We cannot have Oklahoma City being an hour and a half away from Oklahoma City. We don't want that." To mitigate this risk, Gatz highlighted several significant projects aimed at improving key interchanges and highway capacities across the region.

Key projects include major work on interchanges, such as the Broadway Extension at I-44 and I-235. Gatz acknowledged that these interchanges, once effective in rural settings, now require upgrades to accommodate urban growth. Additionally, improvements are planned for the West Mathis Brothers Interchange and the Douglas Interchange at I-40, near Tinker Air Force Base, which is crucial for supporting the base's mission and future opportunities.

Gatz underlined the need for continuous investment in infrastructure, stating, "Traffic volumes are growing at a rate that, if we don't make these improvements, we'll face similar problems as those in Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth." He urged the consideration of the broader regional impact, particularly regarding the I-35 corridor, which links Oklahoma City to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. "We want that 35-corridor going south to be as strong as it can be because we're feeling that gravitational pull between Oklahoma City and the Dallas Fort Worth area," he said.

Conversely, Gatz also addressed the challenges along the I-44 corridor, which connects Oklahoma City to

Tulsa. "We want Oklahoma City and Tulsa to be 20 minutes closer, add capacity and make a safer highway facility," Gatz stated.

Gatz also highlighted how the Turnpike Authority can leverage user fees to develop relief routes, providing alternatives for traffic that is not headed for the metropolitan area; he additionally addressed that the turnpike authority is in a unique position to leverage their model to help manage traffic conditions, providing additional capacity.

Jeff Seymour, executive vice president for Economic Development at the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, echoed Gatz's emphasis on strategic planning for growth. He highlighted recent advancements in Oklahoma's mobility strategy, including plans for unmanned aerial systems and the integration of autonomous vehicles into the transportation framework. He emphasized the need for forward-thinking initiatives that will support the region's growth well into the future, saying, "We've got to continue that mindset to think about 2045, not just now."

While the critical importance of infrastructure improvements and transportation planning in supporting Oklahoma City's growth was a central focus, it was just one of many topics explored. State of the Region highlighted numerous vital issues, including the urgent need for improvements in education and workforce development in our region. Attending these events offers valuable insight into the comprehensive strategies that are essential for fostering a prosperous future for our region.



Many thanks to Presenting Sponsor Simmons Bank and Host Sponsor Post Oak Toyota for their support of this year's State of the Region event.

CORKEN CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF INNOVATION

CORKEN'S JOURNEY FROM LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR TO GLOBAL MANUFACTURING LEADER

Corken, the manufacturing leader of industrial pumps and compressors, celebrated its 100th anniversary in September. Since its founding in 1924 by O.K. Corken, an entrepreneur who contributed to the Oklahoma City community, Corken has been a trusted brand within the global energy industry.

“Corken products have powered mission-critical energy applications for a century, and we’re looking forward to meeting the changing needs of the energy landscape in the years ahead,” said John Hays, Corken Business Line Leader.

Corken is a unit of IDEX Corporation, which was founded in 1988 with three entrepreneurial manufacturing companies that has now grown into over 50 diverse businesses around the world, employing 8,800 individuals in more than 20 countries.

As a part of IDEX Corporation, Corken specifically specializes in the manufacturing of custom compressor packaging and pump skids for liquefied gas transfer, liquid transfer, air boosting and vapor recovery applications.

Before IDEX bought Corken in 1991, O.K. Corken and son Charlie Corken dominated the business. While O.K. was the visionary, Charlie was the company’s marketer,



in which he is credited for expanding Corken from a local pump and tools distributor, covering the greater Oklahoma City region and surrounding states, to a global brand and manufacturing Company.

Charlie hired Garth Kennedy of Phillips Petroleum in 1945. During his time at Corken, Kennedy designed and manufactured a full line of Corken pump and compressor technologies that led to the development of the Corken products manufactured today.

It was the teamwork between Kennedy and Charlie that brought many of Corken’s most important creations. One of Charlie’s most notable achievements was the Corken Model 45 pump chosen by NASA to fuel the X-15 Rocket Plane with anhydrous ammonia. The X-15, once flown by Neil Armstrong, still holds the world manned-flight speed record of 4,520 MPH that was set in 1967.

Today, Corken continues to support and enrich Oklahoma City as one of three divisions of IDEX Advanced Flow Solutions, who is an employer sponsor for the OKC FAME manufacturing and education program.

With its rich history in Oklahoma City, Corken stands out for its dedication to quality and customer service, driven by a talented workforce. The commitment to technological innovation propelled Corken to the forefront of the global market in compression and pumping solutions, which set the company apart from the competition.

“Corken has been an industry mainstay for a hundred years serving important customers and providing livelihoods for so many great employees,” said Todd Graf, Advance Flow Solutions President. “It’s inspiring to think what the next hundred years will bring.”



Advanced Flow Solutions President Todd Graf delivers remarks in celebration of the company's 100th anniversary.



and school, the students are thriving in the program, mastering fundamental principles and acquiring new techniques.

OKC FAME student Tai Gott said in his time at Climate Control Group (CCG), he has experienced many adjustments, but his mentors have helped him overcome every challenge.

CCG is a more professional working environment than what Gott was initially used to, expressing he had to work on his communication skills. “It’s having more of a mindful demeanor and manners, and then adapting to that,” Gott said. “You need to communicate effectively on each project.”

Senior HR Director at CCG John Behrend said it is good to see young people interested in manufacturing. Behrend appreciates the curiosity of the students, sharing they are always “asking questions, being curious about things and how they work, and just being willing to do whatever’s needed to work on the team.”

Working for CCG serves as a stress reliever for Gott as he navigates new financial responsibilities. Both work and school are very understanding and acknowledge the importance of both opportunities. “Before, in my life, I

felt like I wasn’t set up to be successful, and now, with this opportunity, I can be successful.”

Gott shared he feels comfortable working in the manufacturing industry. “Working in this program and for these companies makes me feel more at ease and less stressed because they are making it a lot easier for me,” Gott said.

Gott recommends the OKC FAME program to any student who enjoys problem solving and critical thinking, and there is plenty of room for more students to partake in the program.

“One aspect we’re looking at now is how do we grow this program to get more students,” Behrend said. “It’s a really good career path because, as an engineering tech, you can try different aspects of engineering. And, as a manufacturer, we have all aspects of engineering, whether it’s design, sustaining, or new product development.”

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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working capital and cost of materials,” Aquila said. “We want to say a big thank you to the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Port Authority of the Greater Oklahoma City Area, our team and all our supporters and partners for guiding us to this important accomplishment.”

Canoo’s primary motivation for relocating to Oklahoma is the co-location of its engineering and manufacturing operations located at the company’s vehicle manufacturing facility in Oklahoma City. This facility, which spans approximately 500,000 square feet, has significant potential for future expansion.

The decision to move will improve Canoo’s operational efficiencies and encourage collaboration, assisting the company to achieve its goals toward step level ramp manufacturing.

Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2024, nearly 137 engineers will relocate to Texas and Oklahoma, with approximately 75% in Oklahoma. Upon moving, Canoo is also opening numerous positions for hire across Texas and in Oklahoma City, which will offer nearly 150 positions to future employees.

Canoo estimates these initiatives will generate \$15 million in new taxes from the relocations of its engineering teams and headquarters, with an anticipated \$150 million in new tax base over the next decade.

Canoo’s vehicles are currently in use with USPS, Walmart, NASA and other large commercial, government and fleet customers. The company emphasizes its innovative, design-focused innovative electric cargo vehicles are transforming the commercial vehicle landscape, with the vehicle’s modular electric platform designed to maximize the interior space and support a wide range of needs.



Employees at Canoo collaborate in the manufacturing facility.

MAUREEN HEFFERNAN'S LEGACY AT MYRIAD BOTANICAL GARDENS



HOW THE BOTANICAL VISIONARY SHAPED OKLAHOMA CITY'S GREEN LANDSCAPE

Many modern influential figures have played a significant role in shaping Oklahoma City into what it is today, and Maureen Heffernan, former CEO of Myriad Botanical Gardens, is one of the most notable among them. After extensive

experience in public garden management across the northern United States and in Oklahoma, Heffernan has announced her recent retirement.

Before her recruitment to Oklahoma City's Myriad Botanical Gardens 13 years ago, Heffernan gained experience in her field while working at the New York Botanical Garden, the American Horticultural Society, as director of programming for the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and as executive director at Coastal Maine Botanical Garden.



"I have a background in public gardens in terms of programming, garden design, management, all of that. That's been my world," Heffernan said. "I went to college at Fordham University in New York City, and right across the street was the New York Botanical Garden ... so I worked there as a student, and I just loved it. I think that set a spark off in me to ultimately pursue a career working and managing a botanical garden."

Heffernan had never thought of moving to the Midwest, or living in Oklahoma specifically, but when she was recruited by Larry Nichols and Jim Tolbert, Heffernan said she was impressed with their vision for what the Myriad Gardens could be.

In 2011, Oklahoma City was experiencing much growth, change and betterment, Heffernan said. The momentum of the city is what drew Heffernan in, and she decided 'why not?'

"It was kind of a risk," Heffernan said. "But I'm so glad I did because I've loved the people here, the projects I've been able to do with the gardens and also taking on Scissortail Park. To help plan, manage and open a big, new facility like that is a once-in-a-career opportunity. All the things we've done to redo the crystal bridge and the new programming we started; it's just been an incredible opportunity here in Oklahoma City, and I just loved every minute of it."

For more on Heffernan's career and impact on the Myriad Gardens, please visit velocityokc.com.



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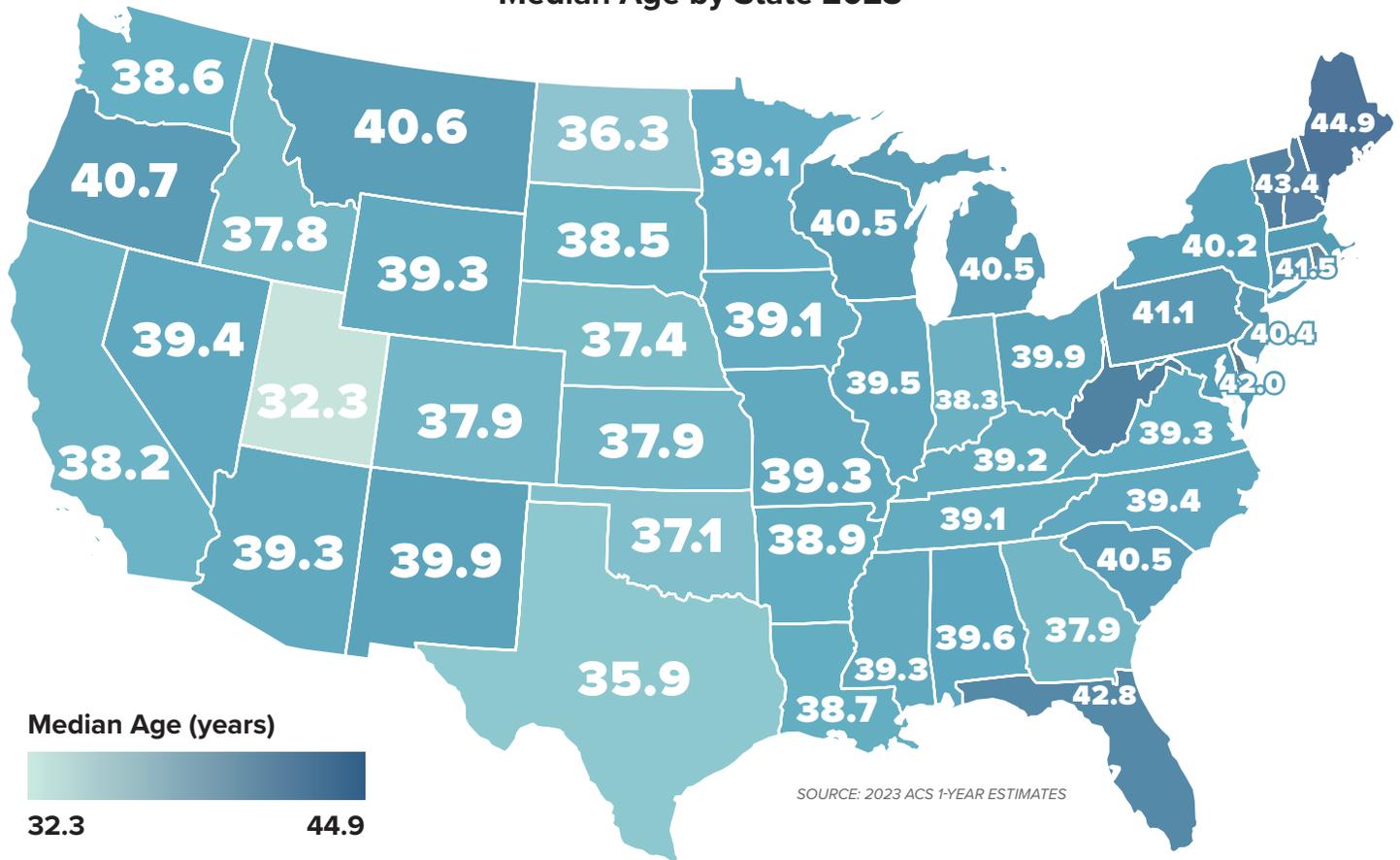
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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

OKLAHOMA RANKS 5TH YOUNGEST STATE IN U.S.

Median Age by State 2023



- **State of Oklahoma:**

- Median age: 37.1 years
- Ranks as the 5th youngest state in the U.S.
- Median age is more than **2 years younger** than the national median of 39.3 years.

- **Oklahoma City (MSA):**

- Median age: 36 years
- **3 years younger** than the national median.

- **Why is this important?**

- A younger median age in Oklahoma and Oklahoma City provides a strong, adaptable workforce, driving economic growth and making the region attractive for business investment and innovation.

For comprehensive Economic Indicator and Regional Data, please visit your Greater Oklahoma City Chamber Economic Development Division at www.greateroklahomacity.com/economicindicators or contact Eric Long, Research Economist, at 405-297-8976; elong@okcchamber.com.

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