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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to aerospace; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 263, O.S.L. 2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
9 5060.3a), which relates to the Oklahoma Aerospace
10 Institute; creating the Aerospace Institute Act;
11 providing short title; removing the Aerospace
12 Institute from within the Oklahoma Center for the
13 Advancement of Science and Technology; modifying
14 purpose; modifying list of initiatives; stating
15 purpose of certain initiatives; providing for center
16 for education and training; providing for creation of
17 a partnership of education and training providers;
18 stating purpose of partnership; providing for center
19 for applied research; stating purpose of center;
20 providing for participation in economic development
21 activities; stating duty of Oklahoma Aerospace
22 Institute in regard to economic development
23 activities; providing for the Oklahoma Aerospace
24 Institute as a clearinghouse of information; listing
sources of funding that may be accepted by the
Oklahoma Aerospace Institute; and providing an
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 263, O.S.L.

2006 (74 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 5060.3a), is amended to read as
follows:

1 Section 5060.3a A. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "Aerospace Institute Act".

3 B. There is hereby created ~~within the Oklahoma Center for the~~
4 ~~Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST),~~ the Oklahoma
5 Aerospace Institute (OAI) ~~to serve as a strategic partnership that~~
6 whose purpose shall be to create a partnership of service providers
7 to more effectively respond to the needs of the aerospace industry
8 in the areas of education and training, research, and economic
9 development. The OAI will focus available resources to promote
10 cooperation and collaboration among ~~Oklahoma~~ businesses,
11 manufacturers, military installations, commercial aviation, ~~higher~~
12 ~~education~~ educational institutions, nonprofit research institutions,
13 and state government for the purpose of strengthening ~~Oklahoma's~~ the
14 economy of the State of Oklahoma. Contingent upon the availability
15 of funds, ~~OCAST~~ OAI may employ established program processes or may
16 contract with other qualified entities ~~to operate OAI which.~~ The
17 OAI will consist of the following initiatives:

- 18 1. ~~Center of Excellence for~~ Aerospace Training and Education;
- 19 2. Aerospace Technology (COEAT) Research Development; and
- 20 ~~2. Center for Aerospace Supplier Quality (CASQ)~~ 3. Aerospace
21 Economic Development.

22 ~~B. The CASQ~~ C. The OAI shall include a center for education
23 and training to support the aerospace industry. The center shall
24 create a partnership of education and training providers to meet the

1 specific needs of the aerospace industry to build a credentialed
2 workforce for the future. Participating educational institutions
3 shall act cooperatively to create programs that complement rather
4 than compete.

5 D. The OAI will include a center for applied research and will
6 primarily undertake applied research, development and technology
7 transfer that has long-term potential for commercial development.
8 The center should build on institutional strengths and conduct
9 activity in areas of research in which the participating research
10 institutions and businesses have achieved or have true promise of
11 attaining a standard of excellence in applied research and
12 development.

13 E. 1. The OAI shall participate in economic development
14 activities in support of the aerospace industry. The OAI shall
15 provide consulting services to the aerospace industry, government
16 agencies and economic development organizations across the State of
17 Oklahoma in order to strengthen the policy framework, economic
18 development initiatives and programs of the state.

19 2. As a part of the Aerospace Economic Development initiative,
20 the Center for Aerospace Supplier Quality (CASQ) is designed to
21 serve as a conduit between Oklahoma's military installations and
22 aerospace industry to promote quick response to opportunities that
23 will:

24 1. Increase

1 a. increase Department of Defense awards in Oklahoma~~†, 1~~

2 ~~2. Create~~

3 b. create and retain more high-wage, high-skill jobs~~†, 1~~

4 ~~3. Strengthen~~

5 c. strengthen collaborations between businesses and
6 aerospace interests~~†, 1~~

7 ~~4. Reduce~~

8 d. reduce the flow of federal defense contract dollars to
9 out-of-state businesses~~†, 1~~

10 ~~5. Increase~~

11 e. increase Oklahoma's small aerospace firms~~†, 1~~

12 ~~6. Provide~~

13 f. provide engineering/technical assistance~~†, 1~~

14 ~~7. Provide~~

15 g. provide more manufacturing sources for Oklahoma
16 military installations and aerospace industry~~†, 1~~ and

17 ~~8. Reduce~~

18 h. reduce costs and increase competitiveness for Oklahoma
19 military installations and aerospace industry.

20 ~~C. The COEAT will be a center of excellence for applied
21 research and will primarily undertake applied research, development
22 and technology transfer that has long term potential for commercial
23 development. The center should build on institutional strengths and
24 conduct activity in areas of research in which the participating~~

1 ~~research institutions and businesses have achieved or have true~~
2 ~~promise of attaining a standard of excellence in applied research~~
3 ~~and development.~~

4 ~~D. OCAST shall award funding to the Center of Excellence for~~
5 ~~Aerospace Technology (COEAT) F. The OAI shall act as a~~

6 clearinghouse of information and activities focused on the aerospace
7 industry. The state agencies, programs, task forces, boards and
8 commissions with resources earmarked or dedicated to services
9 provided to the aerospace industry shall coordinate with the
10 Institute in order to streamline the use of resources with the goal
11 of eliminating duplication of effort.

12 G. The OAI may accept funding that includes, but is not limited
13 to, the following:

- 14 1. Monetary contributions;
- 15 2. Contractual arrangements;
- 16 3. In-kind services;
- 17 4. Federal and state appropriated dollars;
- 18 5. Private and public foundation grants; and
- 19 6. Fee-for-service products.

20 H. Funding for the OAI is contingent on the availability of
21 funds and only after:

- 22 1. Developing, adopting and publishing the criteria it shall
23 use when evaluating centers of excellence; and

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1 2. Reviewing proposals for new or established centers of
2 excellence containing:

3 a. ~~documentation that not less than fifty percent (50%)~~
4 ~~of the center's total funding will be provided by~~
5 ~~sources other than OCAST and other than~~
6 ~~state appropriated money,~~

7 b. a description of the proposed center's potential
8 contribution to the state's economic development
9 interests,

10 c. an itemized operations budget, and

11 d. other information that may be required by the OCAST
12 ~~board~~ Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission.

13 I. ~~The board~~ Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission may approve
14 proposals to establish the ~~Center of Excellence for Aerospace~~
15 ~~Technology (COEAT)~~ centers only after the ~~board~~ Oklahoma Aeronautics
16 Commission finds, based upon the proposal submitted, external peer
17 reviews, and ~~such as~~ additional investigation as the staff of OCAST
18 may reveal, the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission shall make and
19 incorporate in its minutes that:

20 1. The proposed OAI center ~~of excellence~~ involves higher
21 education institution(s), nonprofit research institution(s), and
22 private enterprise;

23 2. The proposed OAI center ~~of excellence~~ is funded at Nine
24 ~~Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00)~~ Two Million Dollars

1 (\$2,000,000.00), or so much thereof as is needed, per year for five
2 (5) years, ~~above the annual appropriation for OCAST;~~

3 3. The proposed OAI center ~~of excellence~~ has the potential to
4 stimulate economic development in Oklahoma by fostering partnership
5 between Oklahoma military installations, higher education
6 institutions, nonprofit research institutions, and businesses; and

7 4. The proposed OAI center has the long-term potential to
8 benefit Oklahoma's military installations and the state's aerospace
9 industry through innovation and development of new technology.

10 J. Any commercialized research that results from the funding of
11 the ~~Center of Excellence for Aerospace Technology~~ OAI shall be
12 subject to negotiations and policies pursuant to the provisions of
13 this act.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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