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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Department of Commerce;
8 amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 5003.10, which relates
9 to the powers and duties of the Department of
10 Commerce; expanding duties and authority; authorizing
development of public-private partnerships for
certain purposes; stating purposes; and providing an
effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 5003.10, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5003.10. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall have
17 the authority to:

18 1. Disseminate information concerning the industrial,
19 commercial, governmental, educational, cultural, agricultural,
20 business and other advantages and attractions of the state;

21 2. Assist public and private agencies in the preparation of
22 informational and publicity programs designed to attract or retain
23 business and industry for the state;

1 3. Obligate and expend funds for services performed by local
2 political subdivisions of the state, state agencies, including
3 universities and colleges within and without the state, and federal
4 agencies for research and training in conformity with the general
5 state laws governing such activity; and apply for, accept,
6 administer and expend grants from the federal government and any
7 other public or private sources for research and training purposes;

8 4. Conduct, publish and disseminate or encourage research
9 designed to further new and more extensive uses of the natural and
10 other resources of the state and designed to develop and
11 commercialize new products and commercial processes;

12 5. Study trends and developments in the industries of the state
13 and analyze the reasons underlying such trends; study costs within
14 the state; and make recommendations regarding circumstances
15 promoting or hampering business and industrial development;

16 6. Generally gather, compile and make available economic
17 analyses and statistical information relating to business, trade,
18 commerce, industry, transportation, communication, natural
19 resources, population and other like subjects in this state, with
20 authority to call upon other agencies, universities and colleges of
21 the state for statistical data and results obtained by them, and to
22 arrange and compile such economic analyses and statistical
23 information in such a manner as it deems advisable;

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1 7. Study such other scientific, industrial, financial and
2 economic issues as, in the judgment of the Department, shall be
3 deemed of value to the people of the state;

4 8. Support and assist the efforts of state, regional and local
5 development organizations, industrial committees, chambers of
6 commerce, agricultural organizations, labor organizations and other
7 similar public and private agencies to obtain new and to foster
8 expansion of existing service, industrial and manufacturing
9 facilities, businesses and enterprises; and to foster community
10 improvements in leadership, expertise, human development,
11 infrastructure, public facilities and quality of life; and to expand
12 data availability and utilization opportunities;

13 9. Maintain a continuing evaluation of the sources available
14 for the financing of the development or expansion of industrial,
15 agricultural and commercial facilities in this state through both
16 public and private agencies;

17 10. Assist in obtaining financing for the development and
18 expansion of industrial, agricultural and commercial facilities in
19 the state;

20 11. Serve as the state's official liaison agency between
21 persons interested in locating new economic enterprises in Oklahoma
22 and state and local groups seeking new enterprises. In this
23 respect, the Department shall aid communities in organizing for and
24 obtaining new businesses and expanding existing businesses and shall

1 process requests which reflect interest in locating economic
2 enterprises in the state;

3 12. Promote the sale and facilitate the marketing of Oklahoma
4 products including agricultural and value-added products in the
5 international market;

6 13. Encourage the location of foreign manufacturing plants and
7 other industries in Oklahoma;

8 14. Coordinate the international efforts of the various state
9 agencies without violating the individual authority given those
10 agencies by statute;

11 15. Coordinate and serve as liaison to the private sector as
12 needed;

13 16. Establish, subject to an annual appropriation or private
14 gifts, offices outside the state boundaries. The offices may be
15 operated by the state or may be operated pursuant to contract which
16 shall not be subject to the competitive bid laws of the State of
17 Oklahoma. The Department shall prepare an annual report concerning
18 the activities of the offices and submit it to the Governor and the
19 Legislature. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce
20 shall notify in writing the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of
21 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that the
22 Department intends to establish a new office pursuant to this
23 paragraph at least thirty (30) days prior to the establishment of
24 the new office or execution of a contract;

1 17. Establish a system of not less than six geographic regions
2 for promoting new or existing businesses, assisting in the expansion
3 of small and medium sized manufacturers through a modernization
4 program, creating new jobs, and assisting local businesses,
5 political subdivisions or other entities to better utilize the
6 services of the Department;

7 18. Solicit, accept and expend donations and contributions from
8 any source, whether public or private, in order to advertise,
9 promote or disseminate information which may assist in the
10 recruitment of companies, firms or jobs to Oklahoma, including but
11 not limited to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, and any other
12 acts which the Department administers or which may assist the
13 Department in the performance of its mission. The Department shall
14 deposit any funds collected pursuant to this paragraph in the
15 "Oklahoma Department of Commerce Revolving Fund" created by Section
16 5012 of this title; ~~and~~

17 19. Enter into contracts at fair market value for the rental of
18 office space in any facility under its control to entities engaged
19 in activities related to the export of goods produced in Oklahoma.
20 The Department shall deposit any funds collected pursuant to this
21 paragraph in the "Oklahoma Department of Commerce Revolving Fund"
22 created by Section 5012 of this title; and

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1 20. Develop public-private partnerships to further the mission
2 and development of plans for the Department, including, but not
3 limited to:

4 a. conduct statewide asset mapping to define assets that
5 differentiate Oklahoma and its political subdivisions
6 from competitive markets and determine foreign and
7 nonforeign employers involved in import/export markets
8 in this state,

9 b. expand stakeholder involvement by soliciting
10 participation from targeted entrepreneurs in
11 developing a state strategic plan,

12 c. solidify markets and messaging by developing a
13 centralized clearinghouse for information and
14 assistance to targeted businesses, or to assist in
15 economic development of particular regions or markets,
16 and

17 d. develop strategies to promote and utilize the state's
18 inland seaport as a major export hub.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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