

1 B. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Aeronautics
2 Commission, the Center for Aerospace and Defense Supplier Quality
3 (~~CASQ~~ CADSQ), and the Oklahoma Aerospace Institute (OAI) whose
4 purpose shall be to create a partnership of service providers to
5 more effectively respond to the needs of the aviation, aerospace
6 industry and defense industries in the areas of education and
7 training, research, and economic development. The ~~CASQ~~ CADSQ and
8 OAI will focus available resources to promote cooperation and
9 collaboration among businesses, manufacturers, military
10 installations, commercial aviation, educational institutions,
11 nonprofit research institutions, and state government for the
12 purpose of strengthening the economy of the State of Oklahoma.
13 Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Oklahoma Aeronautics
14 Commission may employ established program processes or may contract
15 with other qualified entities to operate the ~~CASQ~~ CADSQ and the OAI.

16 C. The ~~CASQ~~ CADSQ is designed to serve as a conduit between
17 ~~Oklahoma's military installations and~~ the aviation, aerospace
18 industry and defense industries in Oklahoma, as well as commercial
19 and military aviation, to promote quick response to opportunities
20 that will:

- 21 1. Increase ~~Department of Defense~~ contracts ~~with Oklahoma~~
22 ~~aerospace companies and contracts~~ between ~~Oklahoma aerospace~~
23 companies in the aviation, aerospace and defense industries in
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1 Oklahoma and the Department of Defense and its prime contractors in
2 ~~the aerospace and defense industries;~~

3 2. Create and retain more high-wage, high-skill jobs;

4 3. Strengthen collaborations between businesses and aviation,
5 aerospace and defense interests;

6 4. Reduce the flow of federal defense contract dollars ~~to~~ out-
7 of-state ~~businesses;~~

8 5. Expand the aviation, aerospace ~~industry~~ and defense
9 industries in Oklahoma;

10 6. Provide engineering and technical assistance;

11 7. Provide more ~~manufacturing sources~~ suppliers for Oklahoma
12 military installations and the aviation, aerospace ~~industry~~ and
13 defense industries; and

14 8. Reduce costs for the Department of Defense and ~~increase~~
15 ~~competitiveness for~~ Oklahoma military installations, and increase
16 the competitiveness of aviation, aerospace ~~industry~~ and defense
17 businesses in Oklahoma.

18 D. In order to streamline the use of resources with the goal of
19 eliminating duplication of efforts, the OAI shall act as a
20 clearinghouse of information and activities concerning the aviation,
21 aerospace ~~industry~~ and defense industries. The OAI will provide a
22 focal point to coordinate the plans and activities of state
23 agencies, task forces, departments, boards, commissions, and other
24 entities that have responsibilities or duties regarding the

1 aviation, aerospace industry and defense industries with the goal of
2 eliminating duplication of effort.

3 E. The OAI shall create a partnership of education and training
4 providers to meet the specific needs of the aviation, aerospace
5 industry and defense industries to build a credentialed work force
6 for the future. Participating educational institutions shall act
7 cooperatively to create complementary activities.

8 F. The OAI shall include a center for applied research and will
9 primarily undertake applied research, development and technology
10 transfer that have long-term potential for commercial development.
11 The center shall build upon institutional strengths and conduct
12 activity in areas of research in which the participating research
13 institutions and businesses have achieved or have true promise of
14 attaining a standard of excellence in applied research and
15 development.

16 G. The OAI shall support and foster the growth of the aviation,
17 aerospace industry and defense industries. The OAI shall acquire
18 aerospace executive expertise and provide consulting services to the
19 aviation, aerospace industry and defense industries, government
20 agencies and organizations across the State of Oklahoma in order to
21 strengthen the policy framework, economic development initiatives
22 and activities of the state.

23 H. The OAI may accept funding that includes, but is not limited
24 to:

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

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

8 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND AEROSPACE, dated
14 02/21/2013 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.