

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; creating the  
8 Aerospace Commerce Economic Services (ACES) Act;  
9 providing purpose; authorizing entity to employ  
10 certain programs and enter contracts; describing  
11 certain opportunities for the program to facilitate;  
12 establishing industry integrator; specifying certain  
13 integrator duties; requiring entity to be focal point  
14 of industry information; providing for center of  
15 applied research; requiring entity acquire expertise  
16 and provide consulting services; authorizing  
17 acceptance of certain funding; providing for  
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5003.12 of Title 74, unless  
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Aerospace  
24 Commerce Economic Services Act".

25 B. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Department of  
26 Commerce, Aerospace Commerce Economic Services (ACES), whose purpose  
27 shall be to create a partnership of service providers to more  
28 effectively respond to the needs of the aviation, aerospace and

1 defense industries in the areas of education and training, research,  
2 and economic development. ACES will focus available resources to  
3 promote cooperation and collaboration among businesses,  
4 manufacturers, military installations, commercial aviation,  
5 educational institutions, nonprofit research institutions and state  
6 government for the purpose of strengthening the economy of the State  
7 of Oklahoma. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the  
8 Oklahoma Department of Commerce may employ established program  
9 processes or may contract with other qualified entities to operate  
10 ACES.

11 C. ACES is designed to serve as a conduit between the aviation,  
12 aerospace and defense industries in Oklahoma, as well as commercial  
13 and military aviation, to promote quick response to opportunities  
14 that will:

15 1. Increase contracts between companies in the aviation,  
16 aerospace and defense industries in Oklahoma and the Department of  
17 Defense and its prime contractors;

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

19 3. Strengthen collaborations between businesses and aviation,  
20 aerospace and defense interests;

21 4. Reduce the flow of federal defense contract dollars out-of-  
22 state;

23 5. Expand the aviation, aerospace and defense industries in  
24 Oklahoma;

1        6. Provide engineering and technical assistance;

2        7. Provide more suppliers for Oklahoma military installations  
3 and the aviation, aerospace and defense industries;

4        8. Reduce costs for the Department of Defense and Oklahoma  
5 military installations and increase the competitiveness of aviation,  
6 aerospace and defense businesses in Oklahoma;

7        9. Creating and aligning goals to grow aerospace to the top  
8 industry in Oklahoma by providing a forum to bring agencies,  
9 industry and government together;

10       10. Enhance Oklahoma's supply chain utilization in the industry  
11 to fill existing gaps in supplier networks;

12       11. Develop a recruitment strategy to attract new businesses  
13 that reside or have a presence in Oklahoma; and

14       12. Create a conglomerate or commission of all aerospace  
15 stakeholders in Oklahoma to come together to pool ideas and  
16 resources to advance aerospace in the state. State aerospace  
17 stakeholders include but are not limited to Federal Aviation  
18 Administration, Veterans Administration, Tinker Air Force Base, all  
19 Oklahoma military installations, chambers of commerce, Oklahoma  
20 Space Industry Development Authority, Oklahoma Department of  
21 Commerce, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma  
22 Aeronautics Commission, Small Business Administration, Unmanned  
23 Aerial Systems Cluster Initiative of Oklahoma and Kansas, Oklahoma  
24 Manufacturing Alliance, Career Tech, Oklahoma Center for the

1 Advancement of Science and Technology, Governor's Unmanned Aerial  
2 Systems Alliance of Oklahoma, Unmanned Aerial Systems Council and  
3 Oklahoma Bid Assistance Network.

4 D. ACES shall establish an Aerospace and Defense Industry  
5 Integrator. The integrator shall be used to engage key players from  
6 the industry, government, academia and other key stakeholders to  
7 create an industry-wide vision and strategic map that details a plan  
8 to enhance the industry. The integrator shall initiate the  
9 following activities:

10 1. Assessing the current state of the industry, developing and  
11 defining a vision for the future of the industry;

12 2. Identifying supplier network gaps and developing solutions  
13 to fill those gaps;

14 3. Identifying funding requirements and developing funding  
15 opportunities; and

16 4. Establishing ongoing mechanisms to monitor activities and  
17 devising a process that includes the development and reporting of  
18 metrics to track and manage ongoing progress.

19 E. In order to streamline the use of resources with the goal of  
20 eliminating duplication of efforts, ACES shall act as a  
21 clearinghouse of information and activities concerning the aviation,  
22 aerospace and defense industries. ACES shall provide a focal point  
23 to coordinate the plans and activities of state agencies, task  
24 forces, departments, boards, commissions and other entities that

1 have responsibilities or duties regarding the aviation, aerospace  
2 and defense industries with the goal of eliminating duplication of  
3 effort.

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

12 G. ACES shall support and foster the growth of the aviation,  
13 aerospace and defense industries. ACES shall acquire aerospace  
14 executive expertise and provide consulting services to the aviation,  
15 aerospace and defense industries, government agencies and  
16 organizations across the State of Oklahoma in order to strengthen  
17 the policy framework, economic development initiatives and  
18 activities of the state.

19 H. ACES may accept funding that includes, but is not limited  
20 to:

- 21 1. Monetary contributions;
- 22 2. Contractual arrangements;
- 23 3. In-kind services;
- 24 4. Federal- and state-appropriated dollars;

1        5. Private and public foundation grants; and

2        6. Fee-for-service products.

3        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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