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“OEDC as the Economic Development Resource for Oklahoma, is an organization of economic development practitioners and advocates promoting a competitive business climate through legislative initiatives, coalition building and professional development.”



Top Three Legislative Priorities:

Economic Development Incentives - Investment and job creation

- Fund the Governor’s Quick Action Closing Fund enabling the state to respond quickly to economic opportunities and compete effectively.
- We need economic development incentives that are transparent and are fiscally responsible for continued growth of business across the state. The economic development profession is supportive of reviewing economic incentives to ensure they are being used appropriately in attracting and growing industry, by not only focusing on creating jobs but taking a look at capital asset and investment into the communities that make up Oklahoma.
- Protect the current objectives of Tax Increment Financing as a primary economic development tool.

Education and Workforce Development Training - Creating a quality workforce

Economic Development growth must be coupled with education and training. As economic development

Save The Date!

- 01/08/2013 - OEDC Monthly Meeting and Educational Program
- 01/27/2013 - 2013 IEDC Leadership Summit
- 02/13/2013 - Economic Development Day at the Capitol
- 03/10/2013 - 2013 OU/EDI
- 03/12/2013 - OEDC Monthly Meeting and Educational Program
- 04/09/2013 - OEDC Monthly Meeting and Educational Program
- 04/14/2013 - 2013 IEDC Federal Forum
- 04/21/2013 - Heartland Economic Development Course
- 05/14/2013 - OEDC Monthly Meeting and Educational Program
- 06/09/2013 - 2013 IEDC Spring Conference

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OEDC Monthly Meeting and Educational Program

01/08/2013 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Our monthly meeting will feature Jeff Roberts and Erika Lucas. Jeff is a developer from Muskogee that is currently using the EB5 program. This program has been instrumental in developing a call center contracted by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, which has accounted for approximately 600 jobs at about \$40,000 per year. [Click here](#) for more information.

This meeting will also feature Erika Lucas from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, who will also talk about the EB5 program.

Please RSVP to [Sara Sciara](#) (lunch served)

Held at the State Chamber of Oklahoma office

330 NE 10th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
(405) 235-3669

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS:

Erika Lucas is Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and is responsible for the structure and implementation of Global Recruitment and Trade as well as Branding & Communications. Mrs. Lucas has over 14 years of multinational experience working in different aspects of international business management. Leading Commerce’s global and branding efforts enhances Mrs. Lucas’ past experience in defining and evaluating strategies for transnational corporations and government agencies in areas such as Foreign Direct Investment, Supply Chain Management, International Market Development and International Trade. Erika’s career experience includes residing and working abroad. She has extensive experience with markets in Europe, Latin America (LATAM), Middle East and Asia Pacific. In addition to English, Mrs. Lucas also speaks Spanish and Portuguese. Erika and her husband Chris Lucas also own and operate three Koko Fit Club Franchises in the state of Oklahoma. They have two beautiful daughters, Paulina (7) and Mia (4), both in St. Eugene Catholic School; they enjoy a healthy life style and participating in community outreach events.



Jeff Roberts, CCIM is the President of Chen Roberts Corporation, an investment and management company located in Muskogee, OK. Jeff and his team provides investment and consulting services for foreign investors and companies throughout

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main land China, Taiwan and Hong Kong by the use of the EB5 program. Jeff is also a managing partner on a China based firm, which provides investment services to promote business in Oklahoma. In Jeff's more than 15 years experience in business he has administered many investments and projects totaling more than \$120 Million. Jeff has extended experience in retail, hospitality, residential, storage and warehousing, and land development. In addition, Jeff manages over 80 multi-state corporations, two foreign companies and over 120 employees, all managed from his home in Muskogee.

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professionals we struggle daily with the need to have a skilled workforce and support efforts to improve Oklahoma's workforce and education system:

- Supports the development of a strong workforce by ensuring that Oklahoma's workforce delivery and training programs are the best in the nation that meets the skills needs by employers.
- Support ongoing efforts of the entire education system (common education; institutions of higher learning; and career technology centers) and the business community to assure that what is taught in the classroom is relevant to Oklahoma's current and future workforce needs. Programs include, but are not limited to: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Training for Industry Programs (TIP) and Certified Ready Certificates/Communities (CRC), i.e., WorkKeys, Key Train.
- Support a performance based system for educators and the incorporation of career awareness programs into the common education system while allowing local school districts the flexibility of lengthening the school year.

Workers' Compensation - Alternative coverage and equivalent benefits

We support legislation that will allow Oklahoma employers to obtain alternative coverage in providing workers' compensation, as long as they provide equivalent benefits to protect their workers.