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BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

# BRIEFS

**November 2015**

## A Message from the President



Please join us for the upcoming Oklahoma Business Roundtable Holiday Reception and Dinner on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 P.M. at the Oklahoma History Center. Governor Fallin and First Gentleman Wade Christensen will host our group. We will have special entertainment by members of the Tulsa Symphony. Please RSVP today.

We were very pleased with the participation at the October 7th membership meeting. Lt. General Bruce Litchfield (Ret.) gave an inspiring talk about leadership and an insightful look at America's military readiness and the importance of logistics in that effort. Litchfield cited the excellent partnership of Oklahoma's federal, state and local leaders in helping Tinker Air Force Base secure its role for the "next 50 years."

The Roundtable continues to provide assistance to the state's overall economic development program and the many partners who are focused on business retention, development and recruitment.

Membership renewals are now being finalized and we are on track to meet our budget needs for the fiscal year. If you have not yet done so, please submit your payment. We are happy to send you a copy of your invoice if needed.

I look forward to seeing you December 1 for a relaxed, fun evening.

*Carl*

### **Welcome to the Table!**

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The Roundtable representative is **Cary Phillips**, Managing Director.



**RSVP NOW**

**Oklahoma Business Roundtable  
Holiday Reception and Dinner  
Oklahoma History Center  
December 1, 2015**

6:00 – 7:00 Reception  
7:00 – 8:30 Dinner & Program

**Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please respond by  
Tuesday, November 17**

RSVP to: [amcvey@okbusinessroundtable.org](mailto:amcvey@okbusinessroundtable.org) or (405) 235-3787

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Oklahoma Business Roundtable  
Annual Business Meeting  
Southern Hills Country Club  
June 2, 2016**

3:00 – 4:15 Executive Committee Meeting  
4:30 – 6:00 Membership Meeting  
6:00 – 6:45 Networking Reception  
7:00 – 8:00 Dinner

## Fall Roundtable Meeting Update



Over 140 Roundtable members and guests attended the fall membership meeting of the Oklahoma Business Roundtable on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.

Members received general business reports from Chairman Tom Clark, Secretary/Treasurer Rob Martinovich and President Carl Edwards. An Oklahoma state budget update was provided by Preston Doerflinger, Director and Secretary of Finance, Administration and Information Technology. Governor Mary

Fallin discussed the state's economy and her efforts to grow existing industry and attract business to the state.

The keynote address was given by Lt. General Bruce Litchfield (Ret.), former Commander of the Air Force Sustainment Center (AFSC), Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC), Tinker Air Force Base. Litchfield was responsible for operations which span three air logistics complexes, three air base wings, two supply chain management wings, and multiple remote operating locations, incorporating more than 32,000 military and civilian personnel. In addition, he was responsible for overseeing installation support to more than 75,000 personnel working in 140 associate units at the three AFSC bases. Tinker is one of Oklahoma's largest employers – with a workforce that spans 44 counties.

## Dell Executive Visits the State



Karen Quintos, senior vice president and chief marketing officer (CMO) for Dell, visited Oklahoma City last month to speak at a special "Women in IT" retreat at the University of Oklahoma.

Karen serves as the executive sponsor of the largest networking group at Dell, Women in Search of Excellence (WISE). The Oklahoma City chapter of WISE hosted the retreat.

While in Oklahoma City, Quintos had the opportunity to meet with Governor Fallin at the Capitol.

## Monthly State Economic Development Report Available



Oklahoma State Treasurer Ken Miller publishes a very informative monthly newsletter, "The Oklahoma Economic Report" which contains news and analysis of Oklahoma's economy. See Oklahoma Link below for latest edition:

[http://www.ok.gov/treasurer/documents/OER\\_10-30-15.pdf](http://www.ok.gov/treasurer/documents/OER_10-30-15.pdf)

## Economic Development News

- *The Princeton Review and Entrepreneur Magazine* ranked **OU** and **OSU** among the nation's best entrepreneurship programs for 2015. OU Michael Price School of Entrepreneurship ranked 9th in graduate and 12th in undergraduate, OSU's School of Entrepreneurship graduate program ranked 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The **Tulsa Regional Chamber** and its OneVoice Regional partners were selected as one of six organizations to win a 2015 Summit Award by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). This is the highest honor the ASAE bestows upon an organization.
- **Oklahoma City's** effort to attract talent and start-up activity was highlighted in an *Inc. Online* story this month. Also, according to a study by CBRE, a leader in commercial real estate services, Nashville and Oklahoma City both grew their tech talent pools by 39% between 2010 and 2013.
- **Tulsa Community College** is one of 30 community colleges in the country selected to join a national initiative funded by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. The program is focused on raising college graduation rates across the country through guided academic and career pathways.
- More than 250 top technology-based economic development experts from across the nation visited Oklahoma last month for the annual meeting of the **State Science and Technology Institute (SSTI)**. The conference, held in Oklahoma City, provided a venue for the participants to discover successful approaches to building tech-based economies, gain information about new and existing federal programs and reach a better understanding of trends in tech-based economic development.

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