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BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

BRIEFS

September 2014



A Message from President Carl Edwards

The new fiscal year is underway – and the Roundtable continues to provide support to several key economic development projects and events with our state’s leadership and partners.

Upcoming activities include a business development reception in New York (hosted by Commerce Secretary Parman) on September 25, Quality Foundation Best Practices Conference in Tulsa on September 25 and Governor Fallin’s 2nd Annual STEM Conference on October 7 in Oklahoma City. (See invitation below).

The Roundtable fall membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15 at 4:30 P.M. Governor Fallin will host us.

Our keynote speaker will be past Roundtable Chairman Steve Hendrickson of Boeing, who also is serving as Chairman of the National Association of Workforce Boards this year. He will give us his unique perspective on state and national workforce issues.

A meeting notice will be sent to you this week for registration. Please be aware that we need to have your birthdate on file and you will need a photo ID to enter the Mansion grounds. Parking is available at the adjacent Capitol parking lot just west of the Mansion (off Phillips Street).

Also, 2014-2015 annual dues notices have been sent to you. We appreciate your prompt assistance.

I look forward to seeing you!

Carl

Carl Edwards
President

SAVE THE DATES

Oklahoma Business Roundtable Fall Membership Meeting

October 15, 2014

3:00 pm - Executive Committee

4:30 pm - Membership Meeting

6:00 pm - Reception

Oklahoma Governor's Mansion

820 N.E. 23rd Street

Oklahoma City, OK

Photo ID and Birthdate Required by Mansion Security

Oklahoma Business Roundtable Holiday Reception and Dinner Hosted by Governor Fallin

December 3, 2014

6:00 – 6:45 pm - Reception

6:45 – 8:15 pm - Dinner

Oklahoma History Center

800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive

Oklahoma City, OK

Valet Parking Provided

ROUNDTABLE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Roundtable is pleased to welcome several new member companies and their representatives, effective July 1.

Access Midstream	Stephanie R. Timmermeyer	OKC
ACT Aspire	Peggy Fernau	Chandler
American Energy Partners	Aubrey McClendon	OKC
Caddo Kiowa Technology Center	Dennis Ruttman	Fort Cobb
Centek, Inc.	John Carnuccio	OKC
Chemical Flooding Technologies	Chad Roller	Tulsa
GE Global Research	Michael Ming	OKC
Grand River Dam Authority	Dan Sullivan	Vinita
Mid-Con Energy Associates	Jeff Olmstead	Tulsa
Oklahoma Farm Bureau Mutual Ins.	John Wiscaver	OKC
Orchids Paper Products Co.	Jeff Schoen	Pryor
Republic Bank & Trust	Chuck Thompson	Norman
Seventy Seven Energy	Jerry Winchester	OKC
TransCanada Keystone Pipeline	Corey Goulet	Calgary, Canada
XTO Energy	Mike Todd	OKC



Oklahoma Quality Foundation Sets Best Practices Conference in Tulsa on September 25

Complementary Registration Open To Roundtable Members

Learn from Tulsa's Best at the Sharing of Best Practices event on Thursday, September 25th from 8:30am-1pm at the Renaissance Hotel & Conference Center in Tulsa.

- Moments Matter! with Pete Winemiller, NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder
- Creating a Workforce that Ensures Customer Engagement & Satisfaction with QuikTrip, Creek RiverSpirit Casino, and Jenks Public Schools
- Connecting the Dots: Establishing a Systems-Based Management Approach with Schnake Turnbo Frank, Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce, Video Gaming Technologies and MESA
- Putting Your People First with Elliot Nelson of the McNellie's Group

FREE registrations are available for Roundtable members. Lunch is provided. Please email heather@oklahomaquality.com to reserve your seat today.

STEM Summit Set for October 7

Governor Fallin will join industry and education leaders at the 2nd Annual STEM Summit on October 7th in Oklahoma City. The summit is a business and educator forum to advance science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in Oklahoma. Register online at www.govstemsummit.org by September 24th.



You're Invited

Governor Mary Fallin's 2nd Annual STEM Summit

A business and educator forum to advance science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in Oklahoma

Featuring

Keynote address by Governor Mary Fallin
Industry panel discussion of workforce needs
Education partner perspectives

October 7, 2014

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tower Hotel, Grand Ballroom, First Floor
3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City

Register online at www.govstemsummit.org by September 24

Register early; space is limited

Cost: \$100 per person; includes continental breakfast and luncheon

For event questions, email govstemsummit@osrhe.edu or call (405) 225-9237

The Good News

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. Oklahoma Link to the latest edition (August 29, 2014) of the Oklahoma Economic Report:

http://www.ok.gov/treasurer/documents/OER_8-29-14.pdf

Economic Development News

- *Forbes* recently released their **2014 "Best Places for Business 2014" list**. Oklahoma City ranked No. 7 on the list. Tulsa ranked 68th in the survey of 200 cities. The top six cities were Raleigh, Des Moines, Provo, Denver, Fort Collins and Lincoln.
- Workers comp reform is working in Oklahoma and costs are headed down. The National Council on Compensation Insurance has filed an overall cost level decrease of 7.8% for next year. **In the past two years**, workers’ compensation loss costs — used by insurers to determine rates for Oklahoma employers — **have dropped 22.4 percent**.
- **Oklahoma City-based American Fidelity Assurance Co. recently placed second** at the International Lean Best Practices Awards presented by the Institute of Industrial Engineers.

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