

Southwest Oklahoma Impact Coalition Partnership Agreement

We, the undersigned, hereby declare ourselves members of the Southwest Oklahoma Impact Coalition (The Coalition), a regional economic development entity organized for the purpose of enhancing the growth potential of the 20 counties of Southwest Oklahoma, thereby creating economic opportunity for all citizens.

The Coalition is committed to regional economic development, believing it to be critical to the long term economic and social well being of Southwest Oklahoma. In executing this document, we formally agree to pursue the strategic goals specified below.

The Coalition is grounded in a set of common beliefs.

- We believe that *common interests* exist among the cities, counties, tribal governments, state and federal agencies, educational institutions, public and private corporations and local business and industry in Southwest Oklahoma.
- We believe that *mutual benefit* can be derived from sharing resources, developing opportunities together and invoking a spirit of cooperation.
- We believe in fostering continued *regional workforce and economic development*.
- We believe in accelerating *human development* opportunities in terms of job training and education as a region.
- We believe that *infrastructure and social needs* should be addressed from a regional and long term perspective.
- We believe in improved *communication* as a catalyst for regional cooperation and trust.

Based on these shared beliefs, we commit to collaborating with other Coalition partners to develop action plans in support of the following strategic goals.

- Educate and inform citizenry as to the benefits of maintaining a regional focus.
- Identify and utilize regional assets to promote regional workforce and economic development.
- Preserve and enhance the quality of life in Southwest Oklahoma.

In order to attain consensus on specific action plans, we pledge to be an active member of The Coalition by participating in planning meetings and forums and by reporting progress to our respective constituencies.

Member

Date