

## **Commerce, Oklahoma Department of** (74 O.S. § 5003.1)

Agency Code 160 (IA)

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**Mission Statement** To increase the quantity and quality of jobs available in Oklahoma by attracting new businesses, promoting the development and availability of a skilled workforce, supporting communities, and supporting the growth of existing businesses and entrepreneurs.

**Administration** Natalie Shirley, Director, 405/815-5306

Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Widell, 405/815-5323

General Counsel, Jonna Kirschner, 405/815-5148

**Personnel** 4 classified, 147 unclassified

**History and Function** Serving as Oklahoma's lead agency for the creation of jobs, the department promotes Oklahoma's economic development, including working closely with the governor's office, the legislature, chambers of commerce, existing manufacturing and service industries, appropriate state and federal economic development organizations and domestic and international business prospects. The department operates offices in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and four foreign countries.

**Bioenergy Center, Oklahoma** (74 O.S. § 5009.12)

**Bioenergy Center Board** (74 O.S. § 5009.13)

**Office for Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises** (74 O.S. § 5010.3)

Ken Talley, 405/815-5218

**Small Business Regulatory Review Committee** (75 O.S. § 503)

Don Hackler, 405/815-5359

## **Business License Information Office** (74 O.S. § 5058.4)

Department of Commerce (IA)

900 N Stiles, Oklahoma City, 73104

Business Solutions Division, 900 N Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma City 73104-3234

**Administration** Rana Steeds, 405/815-5143

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