

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)

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Office of Business Development, 900 N Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma city 73104–3234

Administration—Rana Steeds, 405/815–5143

History and Function—Provides information to existing businesses and individuals starting a business about compliance with state licensing and registration requirements. Information is also available in the form of a business start up workbook, and finance referral. A group of coordinators, designated by the directors from the twenty-five state agencies knowledgeable about business license, permit, or filing requirements for their respective state agencies, provides current information to the office of business license information.

Incentive Approval Committee

(68 O.S. § 3603)

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