The **Tulsa Regional Chamber**, with support from the Economic Development Administration, the George Kaiser Family Foundation, the Indian Nations Council of Governments, the Community Service Council, and Public Service Company of Oklahoma, is currently building a regional strategy to align education and workforce investment with economic development activities in northeast Oklahoma.

**ABOUT THE CONSULTING TEAM**

The Tulsa Regional Chamber selected the consulting team of Avalanche Consulting and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning to facilitate the planning and research for this project. The consulting team will be meeting with several stakeholders in the region including economic development organizations, education and training institutions, employers and elected leadership throughout the project. The final strategy and recommendations will be completed and shared publically by the end of June, 2014.

**Avalanche Consulting** helps communities create jobs and capital investment. We are a leading national consultancy specializing in strategic planning for economic development organizations. Our principals have 17+ years of experience working for more than 100 communities across the U.S. and abroad.

**The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)** is a national, non-profit organization whose mission is to expand learning opportunities for adults. CAEL works to remove policy and organizational barriers to learning opportunities, identifies and disseminates effective practices, and delivers value-added services.

For this project, the Tulsa Regional Chamber engaged a consulting team to conduct analysis and provide recommendations for strong connections between the needs of local industry and available education and training in the region and more specifically for east, west and north Tulsa.

**WE WILL CREATE A PLAN THAT WILL:**

- Determine which target sectors provide the best opportunities for ALL area residents
- Make optimal use of current education and training programs in the region, and strategically enhance that capacity
- Remove barriers that stand in the way of area residents who want to increase their skill levels
The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration provides grants designed to help retain jobs and stimulate economic growth. EDA Regional Director Pedro Garza is a major partner in this initiative.

George Kaiser Family Foundation (GKFF) is a charitable organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty through investments in early childhood education, community health, social services and civic enhancement. GKFF works primarily on initiatives developed in collaboration with Tulsa-based direct service organizations.

The Community Service Council provides leadership for mobilizing efforts that improve the lives of thousands of Oklahomans each day.

The Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) is a voluntary association of local and tribal governments in the Tulsa metropolitan area in northeast Oklahoma.

Public Service Company of Oklahoma provides electric service to more than 530,000 customers in Oklahoma and is headquartered in Tulsa. PSO is a unit of American Electric Power.

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