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Job Creation Program Annual Report

To:

President of the Senate; Senator Susan Wagle
Speaker of the House; Representative Ray Merrick
Senate Minority Leader; Senator Anthony Hensley
House Minority Leader; Representative Tom Burroughs
House Committee on Taxation; Representative Marvin Kleebl, Chair
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation; Senator Les Donovan, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce; Senator Julia Lynn, Chair
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; Representative Mark Hutton, Chair

From:

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An annual report on the JCF program is required by KSA 74-50, 224 as set forth below:

74-50,224. Job creation program fund; expenditures; purposes; annual report. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the job creation program fund. The secretary of commerce, in consultation with the secretary of revenue and the governor, shall administer the fund. All expenditures from the fund shall be for the purpose of promoting job creation and economic development by funding projects related to:

- (1) Major expansion of an existing Kansas commercial enterprise;
- (2) potential location in Kansas of the operations of a major employer;
- (3) award of a significant federal or private sector grant which has a financial matching requirement;
- (4) potential departure from Kansas or the substantial reduction of the operations of a major Kansas employer;
- (5) training or retraining activities for employees in Kansas companies;
- (6) potential closure or substantial reduction of the operations of a major state or federal institution;
- (7) projects in counties with at least a 10% population decline during the period from 2000 to 2010; or
- (8) other unique economic development opportunities.

(b) All expenditures from the fund shall be for the purposes described in subsection (a) and shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee.

(c) The secretary shall annually make a report on activities of the department related to administration of the job creation program fund and the funding of projects therefor. Such report shall contain specific and aggregate information regarding all expenditures from the fund, projects receiving funds, the amount of funds expended for each project, the reason and purpose described in subsections (a)(1) through (a)(8) for which funding was approved for each project, the number and characteristics of jobs created or retained in Kansas, the number of such jobs created or retained which do not continue to exist and the circumstances and effect of such discontinuance, and any other accomplishments related thereto. The secretary shall present such report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, the senate minority leader, the house minority leader, the house committee on taxation, the senate committee on assessment and taxation, the senate committee on commerce and the house committee on commerce and economic development during January of each year.

In FY2015 the JCF Program funded 24 projects.

Total Awards	\$8,700,000
New Jobs Proposed	3,073
Existing Jobs to be Retained	10,481

Of the 24 projects, the following were awarded based on the following program eligibility criteria:

- 11- Potential departure from Kansas or the substantial reduction of the operations of a major Kansas employer;
- 8 - Major expansion of an existing Kansas commercial enterprise;
- 3 - Potential location in Kansas of the operations of major employer;
- 1 - Training or retraining activities for employees in Kansas companies;
- 1 - Other unique economic development opportunities.

Project Location/County

- (13) Johnson
- (4) Wyandotte
- (2) Cowley
- (1) Geary
- (1) Reno
- (1) Riley
- (1) Saline
- (1) Sedgwick

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