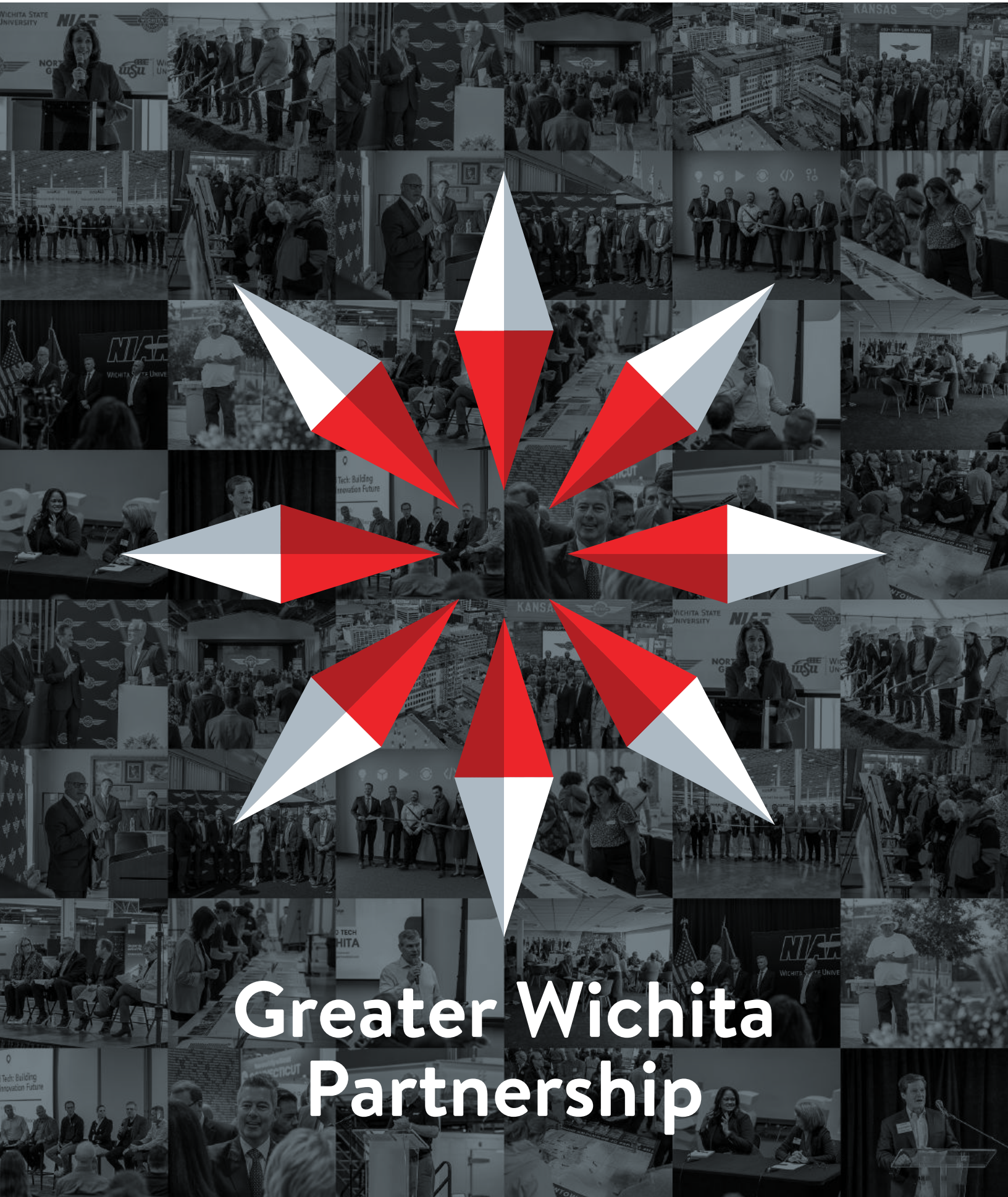


2025 Annual Report



**Greater Wichita
Partnership**



10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Building Global Impact

A Letter From Your Co-Chairs

Global. That’s the word that best captures this moment for the Partnership and our region.

Ten years ago, the Partnership was founded on a bold vision: to align our community, leverage our strengths and compete with the best in the world. Wichita continues to be recognized as a global leader across multiple industries.

This year, our worldwide impact was on full display. From reaffirming Wichita’s presence as the Air Capital of the World at the Paris Air Show to attracting new headquarters, securing multimillion-dollar investments, and hosting strategic supplier engagements, our community continues to drive progress that extends far beyond Kansas. Every project, every partnership and every bold step forward reinforces the value of the vision we set a decade ago.

Looking ahead, our region’s opportunities are even greater. Wichita’s biomedical corridor continues to take shape, advancing healthcare and research innovation. The Downtown Wichita Action Plan, set to begin implementation in 2026, will guide new strategies and investment in our city’s core. Through Talent Talks and other workforce initiatives, we are strengthening connections between employers, educators and job seekers to meet evolving industry needs.

This milestone year reminds us that our greatest strength lies in collaboration. The Partnership is only as strong as the investors, partners and community members who fuel its mission. On behalf of the Executive Board and staff, we thank you for your continued investment, your vision and your belief in what Wichita can achieve.

Sincerely,



Charlie Chandler
Co-Chair of the Partnership
INTRUST Bank, Chairman and CEO



Aaron Bastian
Co-Chair of the Partnership
Fidelity Bank, President and CEO

#1

Most Affordable
Major City (solo living)
The Economist 2025

#8

Among U.S. Cities with
Most Affordable Homes
Anyhoa 2025

#1

City for Veterans’
Health Care
Trajector Medical 2025

TOP 50

Best-Performing Cities
Milken Institute 2025

TOP 100

Best Places to Live
Livability 2025

As momentum builds, we all play a vital role in sustaining this growth — helping to make Wichita a region where people and businesses continue to grow.



Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company celebrated the opening of a new \$80 million manufacturing facility in Maize, Kansas.

Regional Aspirations

BECOME THE PREMIER GLOBAL HUB FOR BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION.

- Expand and Diversify Core Industries
- Bolster Industry Retention and Expansion
- Spur Infrastructure and Site Development

BUSINESS GROWTH (2015-2025)

\$3.5B

Capital Investment

14,476

Total Jobs

\$728M

Total Annual Payroll

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

138X

Capital Expenditures

28X

Annual Payroll

CURRENT PIPELINE

\$5.3B

Capital Investment

16,865

Total Jobs

\$924M

Total Annual Payroll

PROJECTS WORKED IN 2025

30

Site Visits

81

Project Files Opened

3.8M

Sq. Ft. of Potential New Construction

494K

Sq. Ft. of Potential Absorption

Regional Project Wins

Foreign Direct Investment and Defense Industry Growth



German agricultural machinery manufacturer AMAZONE opened a 30,000 sq. ft. parts and distribution facility in El Dorado.



Swiss manufacturer Schwihag established its U.S. headquarters in Winfield, adding 15+ jobs in a 38,000 sq. ft. facility.



Defense technology leader Shield AI selected the Newton City-County Airport for a new flight test facility, creating 30+ full-time jobs and generating nearly \$1 million in site improvements.

Government Relations & Industry Engagement

Supply Chain Visits

- ▶ Over the last five years, and through strategic engagements alongside U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, the team connected 150+ suppliers, securing nearly \$100 million, and built partnerships with major companies including **Lockheed Martin Space** and **Northrop Grumman**.

Foreign Delegation Hosting

- ▶ The economic development team facilitated 11 foreign delegations and trade missions, including aviation leaders from the Netherlands and drone manufacturers from Taiwan.

Air Capital of the World Reception

- ▶ 527 attendees
- ▶ 193 organizations
- ▶ 10 Senators, 12 Representatives, 70+ federal officials

2025 Paris Air Show Impact

- ▶ 13 new projects
- ▶ 11 new leads
- ▶ 11 existing projects advanced

2025 Paris Air Show Announcements

- ▶ Knowmadics headquarters relocating to Wichita
- ▶ Hexcel Corp. + NIAR aerospace partnership
- ▶ Fiber Dynamics + FILL USA expansion
- ▶ Ad Astra Sky Supply + NIAR defense initiative



Kathy Warden, CEO of Northrop Grumman, toured Wichita's aerospace manufacturers and saw the region's production capabilities.



U.S. Senator Jerry Moran showcased our region's capabilities at the Air Capital of the World Reception before the 2025 Paris Air Show.



Leaders toured construction at the Wichita Biomedical CampusSM, a key driver of the region's biomedical ecosystem and talent pipeline.

Regional Aspirations

ACCELERATE TODAY'S TALENT PIPELINE TO MEET IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE INDUSTRY NEEDS.

- Strengthen our Talent Pipeline
- Market Region to Attract & Retain Talent
- Create an Environment with Workforce Opportunities for All

Funding the Future of Work



Site Visits: Economic Mobility Strategies

Kansas Health Foundation

- Funded site visits to Greenville, South Carolina, and Charlotte, North Carolina, to study economic mobility and workforce inclusion best practices.
- Enabled audience research and message alignment for Wichita's regional economic mobility plan.
- Supported continued activation of the regional economic mobility plan.



Biomed Industry and Education:
A Healthcare Revolution in our Region

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas - Biomed and Healthcare Initiatives

- Launched first "Talent in 10" featuring the Wichita Biomedical CampusSM and local workforce pathways.
- Funded storytelling and marketing to promote the region's biomedical talent strategy.
- Enhanced regional visibility of biomed innovation by amplifying voices and workforce initiatives across committees and digital communication.



Talent Talk:
Future of Work and People-First Design

Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

- Sponsorship of Talent Talk highlighting technology and manufacturing innovation.
- The event connected educators, leaders and industry professionals to identify gaps and strengthen the talent pipeline and fill roles.

Workforce Industry and Education Alignment

Talent Talks 2025

- The March Talent Talk explored the region's evolving biomedical landscape through insights from BioKansas, Wichita State University and a panel on industry trends and workforce strategies.
- The November Talent Talk examined how technology and workplace culture combine to build more adaptable organizations.



At the last Talent Talk of 2025, Marc Perberschlager, General Manager of FILL USA, outlined how FILL's people-first philosophy guided the company's global success and growing presence in Wichita.

Biomed Tech: Building Wichita's Innovation Future

- Hosted with Wichita Foundation and NXTUS during Launch Week.
- Connected biomedical leaders, entrepreneurs, and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advisors to position Wichita as a biomedical innovation hub.
- Featured speakers included Cameron Cushman, co-founder of 1 Million Cups, and Karim Mikhail, senior advisor at the FDA, highlighting innovation and collaboration in the biomedical sector.



The panel at the Biomed Tech: Building Wichita's Innovation Future event, a diverse group of leaders examined opportunities, challenges and the bold vision shaping Wichita's emerging biomedical ecosystem.

Industry & Education Executive Roundtables

- Over 35 leaders from Kansas Board of Regents institutions and local industries collaborated to align workforce strategies and degree programs.
- Conversations created shared urgency and understanding that the region thrives when employers and educators are aligned.



During the Industry and Educational Executive Roundtable, Jon Rolph underscored the critical role of education-industry collaboration in preserving the region's competitiveness.



Volunteers repainted Gallery Alley's brick pavement as part of the 2025 Downtown Wichita Fall Clean-Up Day.

Regional Aspirations

**DRIVE THE REGION'S
DISTINCTIVE URBAN CORE FOR
RESIDENTS AND INDUSTRY.**

- Upgrade Supporting Infrastructure
- Scale Connectivity and Walkability
- Invest in Downtown's Distinction



Downtown Wichita Action Plan Open House #1 at WAVE.



Downtown Wichita Action Plan Open House #2 at TempleLive.

Downtown Wichita, an independent 501(c)(3), supports the Partnership's Quality of Place strategy by leading initiatives that foster a vibrant, active and welcoming downtown for residents, visitors and businesses.

Clean Team Pilot Program

Launched in May 2025 with funding from Fidelity Bank, the Clean Team program deployed two part-time Public Space Ambassadors for six-day coverage. Strong early results prompted approval from the SSMID and City Council for a full-time program starting in 2026.



Dean Mefford, Senior Public Space Ambassador with the Downtown Clean Team, was the first ambassador on the streets of downtown, keeping public spaces clean while welcoming visitors with directions and local recommendations.

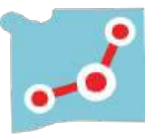
1,344
Hours Worked

2,748
Blocks Maintained

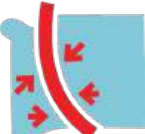
21,120
Gallons of Trash Picked Up

Downtown Wichita Action Plan

More than 1,000 residents participated in open houses, stakeholder meetings, walking tours and pop-up events to help shape the Downtown Wichita Action Plan, a roadmap that will guide the city's next decade of downtown growth and transformation. Market studies project 5,000 new housing units and 825,000 sq. ft. of office space, advancing four community goals:



Connected Downtown
Downtown Wichita will be a connected, welcoming place where people can easily navigate to shopping, dining and cultural attractions on foot, by bike, car or transit.



Riverfront Downtown
Downtown Wichita will embrace the Arkansas River as the city's central gathering place for recreation, entertainment and the enjoyment of nature.



Well-Designed Downtown
Downtown Wichita will feature well-designed buildings, streets and public spaces that create a safe, attractive and welcoming environment.



Full-Service Downtown
Downtown Wichita will evolve as a dense, mixed-use urban center to unlock new opportunities for living, working, shopping and entertainment.

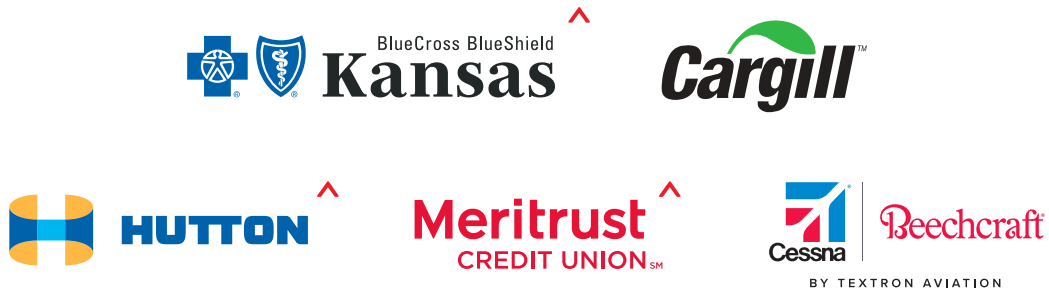


To learn more about the Downtown Wichita Action Plan, scan the QR code.

Visionaries



Catalysts



Innovators



Advisers



^ denotes increase to new level * denotes new investors + denotes increased investment

Partners

Alloy Architecture	Great Plains Ventures, Inc. ^	Midwest Drywall Co., Inc. *
Beran Concrete +	Hall’s Culligan Water	Modig Machine Tool *
Berry Companies, Inc. +	Harvey County Economic Development +	Newman University
BHC + Savoy +	HFG Architecture	Novacoast
Bloc Digital *	House of Schwan, Inc. +	Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 441
Butler Community College	Hutchinson/Reno Chamber of Commerce +	Realtors of South Central Kansas +
Capitol Federal Savings Bank	IBEW L.U. 271 - Electrical Workers	Ruffin Companies
The Carnahan Group +	IMA Financial Group +	Schaefer Architecture ^
Central Consolidated, Inc. *	InSite Real Estate Group *	Schellenberg Development Company *
Clark Investment Group	JE Dunn +	Shelden Architecture *
Commerce Bank +	JPMorgan Chase +	Stryv Bank
Cox Communications	J.P. Weigand & Sons, Inc. +	Turner Family Trust
Credit Union of America *	Kansas Gas Service +	UMB Bank, NA
Eby Construction Co.	Kaw Valley Engineering	United Way of the Plains
El Dorado, Inc.	Keystone Solid Surfaces +	The University of Kansas *
Envision, Inc.	KHSU-KansasCOM +	Vantage Point Properties +
Equity Bank	Kyodo Yushi Manufacturing Americas, LLC	Visit Wichita +
Farha Roofing	LANGE +	Wesley Medical Center
Fee Insurance Group *	Mariner Wealth Advisors	Wichita Foundation +
Five Star Mechanical +	Martin Pringle Attorneys at Law	Wichita State University/ WSU Tech +
Forvis Mazars +	Metal Finishing Company +	Wildcat Companies +
Galloway & Company		Yingling Aviation
Goodwill Industries of Kansas +		



On May 12, investors, community leaders and long-time collaborators gathered to mark the Partnership's 10-year anniversary.

Executive Committee

Charlie Chandler, Co-Chair, INTRUST Bank

Aaron Bastian, Co-Chair, Fidelity Bank

Jon Rolph, Vice-Chair, Thrive Restaurant Group

Marty Cornejo, Treasurer, Cornejo Holdings

Ben Hutton, Secretary, Hutton

Jeff Fluhr, President, Greater Wichita Partnership

Ex-Officio Members

Matt All, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas

Paul Allen, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.

Ryan Baty, Sedgwick County Commission Chair

Chuck Caisley, Evergy

Wayne Chambers, High Touch Technologies

Ramin Cherafat, McCownGordon Construction

Margaret Dechant, 6 Meridian

Raymond Dondlinger, Dondlinger Construction

Ron Draper, Textron Aviation

Stephanie Harder, TRLC Co-Chair, Textron Aviation

Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

Matt Michaelis, Emprise Bank

Dr. Rick Muma, Wichita State University

James Nastars, Meritrust Credit Union

Dean Newton, Delta Dental of Kansas

Mark Nichols, Koch, Inc.

Gary Oborny, Occidental Management

Victor Ojeleye, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, Hutton

Steve Patrick, Bombardier Defense

Mark Quayle, Cargill Protein

John Rolfe, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

Gary Schmitt, INTRUST Bank

Todd Slawson, Slawson Companies

Kevin Strecker, Ascension Via Christi

Joe Surmeier, Downtown Wichita Board Chair, Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A.

Greg Tice, SPT Architecture

Dr. Sheree Utash, TRLC Co-Chair, WSU Tech

Mayor Lily Wu, City of Wichita

At-Large Members

Pete Najera, United Way of the Plains

Ed O'Malley, Kansas Health Foundation

Shelly Prichard, Wichita Foundation

Emeritus Director

Scott Schwindaman, Greater Wichita Partnership



10-Year Anniversary Celebration



2015

Partnership IN ACTION

Over the past decade, the Partnership has worked alongside national and global companies whose investments in people, infrastructure and community have elevated the region and expanded opportunity.



2018

A New Era of COLLABORATION

On April 15, 2015, community visionaries formed the Partnership, establishing a shared name and vision that redefined the region's approach to economic development and united public and private sectors in an era of collaboration.



2015-2025

Connecting FUTURE TALENT

The Partnership, Young Professionals of Wichita and Wichita Festivals hosted the first regional intern event at Riverfest, drawing 320+ interns to better connect them to Wichita.

A Vibrant

COMMUNITY CORE

Naftzger Park reopened as a modern urban space with new amenities and stronger connections to nearby districts, supported by public-private investment and surrounding development.



2020



2019

STRENGTHENING Global Presence

Established at the 2019 Paris Air Show, the Air Capital of the World Reception has grown 77% and now draws 500+ industry leaders, reinforcing Wichita's growing global influence in aviation, space and defense.

Diversifying Our AEROSPACE ECOSYSTEM

SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell and U.S. Senator Jerry Moran visited Wichita, underscoring the region's expanding role in space and defense as SpaceX pursues record launch goals.



2023

CONNECTING Industry and Education

The Partnership's Talent Team launched Talent Workshops to strengthen alignment between industry and education and tighten the regional talent feedback loop.



2023



Advancing
REGIONAL INDUSTRY

JTM Foods broke ground on its new manufacturing facility at the revitalized ICT21 Industrial District, highlighting the region’s strong workforce and supply-chain flexibility.



Building a
BIOMEDICAL CORRIDOR

Anchored by the future Wichita Biomedical CampusSM and led by WSU, KU, and WSU Tech, this corridor is advancing talent, research and regional innovation through strategic investment.

PROGRESS

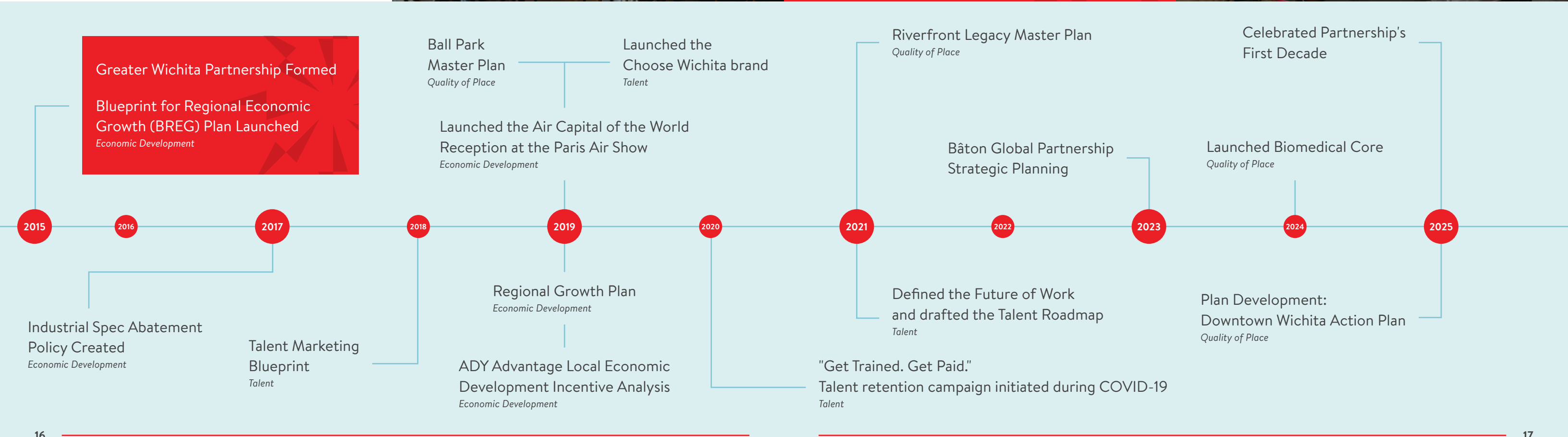
Through Community

The Choose Wichita Summit brought together leaders, influencers and employers to share tools and stories that strengthen regional recruitment, retention and community pride.



Momentum
BUILT TOGETHER

This year, the Partnership celebrated its 10-year anniversary, highlighting a decade of significant investment, job growth, and talent and quality-of-place initiatives that continue to drive regional momentum.





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