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Trina Goss Selected for U.S. Chamber Foundation Education and Workforce Fellowship Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation today announced Trina Goss, Director of Business & Talent Initiatives for GO Topeka, was selected to participate in the eighth cohort of its premiere business leadership program. The Business Leads Fellowship Program trains and equips leaders from state and local chambers of commerce, economic development agencies, and trade associations with resources, access to experts, and a network of peers to build their capacity to address the most pressing education and workforce challenges.

“I’m extremely excited and honored to be named a Business Leads fellow,” Goss said. “This program is a great opportunity, and I look forward to connecting with inspiring professionals from across the country, as we learn and grow in this space together. In Topeka and Shawnee County, we’re aiming to do a better job of connecting educators and employers, so area students are more aware of the amazing careers that are available in our community. Through the Business Leads fellowship, I hope to share insights we’re learning through that process, while also gaining perspective on the tough challenges other communities are facing, along with the innovative solutions they’re proposing.”

“We created the Business Leads Fellowship Program in response to the needs of our state and local chamber partners,” said Cheryl Oldham, Senior Vice President of the Center for Education and Workforce. “They, better than anyone, see the critical link between education and economic development, and we are glad to be able to support them as they take on this critical leadership role in their community.”

Following a competitive application and selection process, Goss was selected — along with 34 other state and local chamber executives, economic development professionals, and association leaders — to participate in the eighth class of this program. The six-month program, consisting of both in person and virtual meetings, will cover the entire talent pipeline, including early childhood education, K-12, postsecondary education, and workforce development.

Choose 2.0

GO Topeka has been working with local and national partners to spread the word about new incentive opportunities offered through the reconfigured Choose Topeka talent attraction program. We collaborated with our national public relations partner, Violet PR, to draft a press release that could be posted to PR Web and pitched to top-tier and trade publications interested in writing about the topic. Meanwhile, an advertisement focusing on the new boomerang component was created for TK Business Magazine, and The Partnership is looking for additional opportunities to get the word out about the program’s new elements.



Plug and Play Expo- A Note from Matt

This past month, Topeka proudly hosted its first Plug and Play Expo, and I'm confident it won't be our last. This momentous occasion brought more than 200 investors and innovators from around the world to our community, allowing us to showcase the limitless opportunities, abundant resources, and invaluable connections available right here in the heart of Kansas. The event served as a beacon, drawing fresh faces to our vibrant community and paving the way for some of those faces to return. In fact, the GO Topeka team heard from at least one international startup with plans to establish their U.S. presence elsewhere, that they are now considering Topeka as their potential stateside hub. That's huge! This community continues to make our case to the world, and that pitch is drawing people in.

At the Plug and Play Expo, we witnessed the convergence of ambitious startup companies in the animal health and agricultural technology sectors. These trailblazers seized the opportunity to pitch their visionary business ideas to fellow startups, Plug and Play Topeka's esteemed corporate partners, and a plethora of potential investors. The event was a testament to the spirit of collaboration and innovation that thrives in our community and across our region. That spirit and the growth of our entrepreneurial ecosystem is on the rise.

The impact of events like the Plug and Play Expo cannot be overstated. They play an instrumental role in placing Topeka firmly on the map as an exceptional destination to start, nurture, and operate a business. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, we foster an ecosystem that encourages entrepreneurship and catalyzes economic growth. Our commitment to providing a supportive environment for businesses, both established and emerging, is manifesting itself in tangible and transformative ways.

The Expo is just one example of a broader movement taking place in Topeka. We are witnessing a groundswell of local initiatives, investments, and collaborations aimed at nurturing innovation and accelerating business growth. Our community is stepping up, embracing change, and pioneering new paths for economic prosperity. And each of us has a part to play.

Looking back, it is astonishing to see how far we have come since Plug and Play Topeka was first announced. The progress we have achieved in that short period of time — let alone what we've accomplished over the past decade — is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our residents and the unwavering commitment of our local partners and leaders. We are moving forward with a sense of purpose and audacity, reaching for heights once considered unattainable.

As we continue on this remarkable journey together, know that your input, support, and unwavering belief in the potential of our community is key to our success. I'm proud to say Topeka's future has never looked brighter. Let's work together to make it shine.



Business Attraction

GO Topeka works continuously to bring awareness of the business assets in Topeka and Shawnee County to site selectors and companies looking to relocate or expand. Currently, the new business attraction portfolio holds 24 active projects in various industry sectors: 14 manufacturing, two distribution and R&D, six aviation, one general office, and one bioscience.

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ACTIVE PROJECTS



Manufacturing

14



Aviation

6



R&D & Distribution

2



Office

1



Bioscience

1

JEDO Support Leads to Global Grain Expansion



At the May meeting of Topeka and Shawnee County's Joint Economic Development Organization, the JEDO board voted to approve an incentive agreement that will aid in the expansion of Global

Grain, an existing business in Topeka's manufacturing industry that helps connect farmers in the region with opportunities to market and export their agricultural products.

Previously referred to as "Project GiGi," the expansion is expected to result in six new positions with an average salary of \$60,000, plus benefits, with Global Grain also expected to make a \$725,000 capital investment. Economic development incentives of up to \$45,400 are being offered to the business through JEDO to aid in the company's growth. With a projected economic impact locally of \$51.5 million over 10 years, the incentives are expected to result in a 41% return on investment for the community.

Furthermore, those new investments represent an amendment to a previous Global Grain-JEDO contract initiated in 2018, as the company has met the original performance metrics and is looking to invest further in its Topeka facilities. The prior agreement, known as "Project Eagle," created 10 new jobs and led to \$5 million in capital investments."

GO TOPEKA

PRESS RELEASE

May 10, 2023

Global Grain Doubling Down on Its Investment in Topeka, Generating \$51.5M Economic Impact

Capital Investment:
\$725K

New Jobs:
6

Resulting In:
Economic Impact - \$51.5M
Return On Investment - 41%



GO Topeka Dashboard

**New Business · Retention & Expansion · Small Business
· Women & Minority · Choose Topeka
YTD as of 06/30/23**

111 New Projects	45 Completed Projects	37 Active Projects
61 New Jobs	403 Retained Jobs	41 Training Investment (number of people impacted)
71 Outreach/Assisted (number of companies)	\$3,985,326 Capital Investment	

Please Note:

- Active Projects reflect the subtraction of completed or lost project totals from new projects received.
- New Jobs - First batch of Annual Surveys for 2022 Small Business Projects sent out in July, this will capture current jobs, additional investment and/or other impacts from incentives projects.

Innovation & Entrepreneurship

GO Topeka and Plug & Play Expo 2023 Media Coverage

Pieces of coverage: 5

Estimated views: 540K

Audience: 740M

Engagements: 33

Fall Propeller Journey Launching in August

The Fall Journey of Propeller will launch in August. Propeller is GO Topeka's mentorship network to support and grow entrepreneurs in our ecosystem. Propeller is designed to allow for maximum flexibility and helps spur organic connections between entrepreneurs and people with valuable experience. Participants are each connected with up to three others, with special guests invited to networking sessions. Propeller's advisory committee include Scott Gales of Architect One, Chris McGee of Endeavor Private Wealth, and Susie Pryor of the Kansas SBDC.

To get involved as a mentor or mentee, please contact:

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For more information, visit GoTopeka.com/propeller

Plug and Play Expo

GO Topeka and Plug and Play joined forces in June to host the inaugural Plug and Play Animal Health and Ag Tech Summit. This event brought more than 200 people together in mid-June for two days of innovation-themed networking and learning. Participants included startup companies, world-class keynote speakers, and investors, who together discussed issues and trends across the AgTech and Animal Health industries, and the need for continued innovation in these critical sectors. The expo event kicked off with an engaging panel discussion on day one, allowing startups to connect with local resource providers and discover the unique advantages our region offers.

On day two, the spotlight shone on 15 innovative startups as they presented their products and pitches to attendees. The pitches were accompanied by inspiring partner success stories and captivating conversations on corporate innovation. In the evening on day two, everyone gathered at the Topeka Zoo for a one-of-a-kind reception experience where attendees were able to feed the giraffes and meet lions up close. Alongside the expo programming, startups and investors were able to engage in casual conversations that have already led to new connections and opportunities.

Plug and Play Expo - From the Press

In collaboration with Go Topeka and the Greater Topeka Partnership graduated 14 startup companies from its accelerator program on Thursday.

The global innovation platform connects startups with resources, like corporate partners, to help startups succeed. The program offers tips, training, and mentorship.

"We're really trying to connect to the innovation ecosystem," says Stephanie Moran, Senior Vice-President of Innovation for GoTopeka and the Greater Topeka Partnership. "And by that we mean, what are those resources that really help innovators and entrepreneurs stand up their businesses."

Startup companies face any number of challenges when trying to get started. According to LendingTree, 24.5% of small businesses in Kansas fail within the first year but Plug and Play offers solutions to



many of those problems.

Lindsay Lebahn, Program and Partner Success personnel for Plug and Play Topeka, explained the type of resources and tools they offer startups in their program.

“We do everything from legal help, to regulatory demands, and how they can break into the United States.”

These startups offer innovation to some of Kansas’ biggest industries like health science and agriculture.

“We have a lot of strong startups in animal health and ag tech, and this accelerator program,” said Moran. “Technologies anywhere from alternative proteins, to new spray technologies for crops, to forming technologies for managing livestock and regenerative farming”

Josh Thomas is the CEO and co-founder of Pastoral, a company focused on regenerative livestock farming. He says Kansas and other midwestern states are the perfect place for his company to break into U.S. markets.

“We’re amongst friends here,” said Thomas. “And this is the kind of place where we need to be if we don’t have something right yet, if we’re doing something wrong, if we don’t understand the way a farmer actually works. Here, it’s not about shutting us down and saying you’re wrong. Get out of here. It’s about saying, This is how you could do it better. Let’s have you connect with farmers and learn more to continuously improve and continuously make our product better every single day.”

This is the fifth batch of startups to graduate from Plug and Play’s accelerator program, bringing the total to 54 companies and counting.



Small Business Incentive Program

Incentive Types

Construction

13

Marketing

15

**Architecture
& Design**

5

Equipment

14

Proof of Concept

2

**PREAPPROVAL
2023**

49

**Incentives
Totaling**

\$241,639

LIFE OF PROGRAM

625

**Incentives
Totaling**

\$2,631,164

*Some companies may have been awarded more than one incentive.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS

17

Minority Owned

23

Women Owned

4

Veteran Owned

3

Disabled Owned

1

SBA 8(a)- Certified

Topeka man's golfing invention coming to life with help of GO Topeka, K-State

One Topeka man's golfing invention is coming to life with the help of GO Topeka and K-State's College of Engineering.

Kansas State University announced on Thursday, July 13, that GO Topeka has partnered with the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering to help a local inventor bring a patent-pending product - the Pars A Par surfacing tool - to golf shop shelves.

K-State noted that Jerry Kruger, a Topeka resident with a heart for golf, wanted to create a product that removes scuffs and other damage that can cause golf balls to veer off the course. After he contacted the Kansas Small Business Development Center, Kruger was passed to the Technology Development Institute.

"Given the price of golf balls today, I knew there had to be some way to reuse the balls even if they're scuffed up from hitting the pavement, gravel or what have you," Kruger said. "But you can't just take a sanding block to them because then you'll sand them flat. My solution to this is the Pars A Par surfacing tool."

Officials indicated that the tool has an attachment on the back to allow it to slide onto a finger and ensures the device stays in place during use. The front part

is rounded to match the curvature of the ball and has a textured finish that smoots rough or damaged golf balls and removes surface defects.

TDI said it used its internal innovation funds with the help of a GO Topeka Proof of Concept grant to cover the cost of designing and 3D printing prototypes for testing. It also helped file the patent application and work with the manufacturer to complete the injection mold design so the device may be put into large-volume production.

"The partnership with GO Topeka has allowed us to tap into additional resources to help entrepreneurs such as Jerry to prototype and protect his new invention, and we are excited to continue to support new product development across the state," said Bret Lanz, commercialization director for TDI. "This being the first product that Jerry has patented, he had a number of questions that we were able to answer for him, and the engineering staff did a great job designing and printing his prototypes."

K-State said the partnership seeks to help local entrepreneurs as part of the K-State 105 initiative - to answer the call for a comprehensive economic growth and advancement solution for Kansas. The initiative leverages K-State Research and Extension to deliver the university's collective knowledge.



Small Business Awards

SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

On Tuesday, May 2, we were pleased to celebrate the finalists and winners of Topeka/Shawnee County's 42nd annual Small Business Awards held at Townsite Avenue Ballroom.

Nine winners were selected from 25 finalists. To be eligible for an award, small businesses had to be located within Shawnee County and have 100 or fewer employees, including the owner(s). Evaluation included review of each business' vision, staying power, growth, innovativeness, response to adversity and community engagement. Below are your 2023 Small Business Awards winners, alongside the categories in which they won:



DIALOGUE COFFEE HOUSE
Young Entrepreneur Award

CIVIUM ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING
Micro Enterprise Award

YES! ATHLETICS
Emerging Innovation Venture Award



CUSTOMSKIN MEDSPA AT HIS AND HER SALON & DAY SPA
Women-Owned Small Business Award

CHAVEZ INC.
Minority-Owned Small Business Award

RICKS ADVANCED DERMATOLOGY & RADIANCE MEDICAL SPA
Veteran-Owned Small Business Award



BIMINI PET HEALTH
Small Business Manufacturer Award

SUPERSONIC MUSIC/TREE HOUSE DRUMS
Small Business Exporter Award

SENNE COMPANY
Top City Small Business of the Year



Equity and Opportunity

Community Outreach

Ongoing involvement and initiatives for the quarter

- Brown V. Board Coalition Community Conversation (40)
- Black American Blueprint Collective (12)
- Summer Youth Program (36)
- Loan Fund (education) (5)
- Celebrate Black Owned Business Week (upcoming - showcase businesses) (50)
- Fusion Network (upcoming) (50)
 - Education
 - Outreach
 - Matchmaking
- NIA Project

Equity and Opportunity Joined KAPPP as Sponsor of Reverse Vendors

The GTP's Equity and Opportunity Office is the Diverse Vendor Sponsor at the KAPPP (Kansas Association for Public Purchasing Professionals). Equity and Opportunity will offer complimentary registration to attend the Trade Fair as a supporting sponsor for a limited number of minority businesses at this fall's Reverse Vendors Tradeshow at the Greater Overland Station.

Becoming Athena Leadership Training Graduates 16



Sixteen women graduated from the 2023 Spring Athena Leadership Cohort embracing the essentials needed to become a woman in leadership. Special guest speakers included Traci Corey (Athena) and Wendy

Doyle, a women's advocate who targets economic and civic engagement related to increase the women's leadership. The graduates are ready to move forward and become community leaders using the eight Athena principles which include live authentically, learn constantly, advocate fiercely, act courageously, build relationships, foster collaboration, give back and celebrate.

Update from Past Business Pitch Winners/Second Annual Business Pitch Contest in September

The 2022 Pitch contest provided a platform to support four businesses as they reached goals for their companies. Several minority and women-owned businesses participated, however, only four were successful in winning support for this company. Two of the winners have been featured in locals articles stressing the importance of the program. Deb North's company, YES Athletics, won first place. Funds received assisted with the company fulfilling inventory and expanding the client base, allowing them to reach new clients across the country; Dane Shobe debuted his magazine featuring African American heroes, cartoons and other images that represent African Americans, with a goal to an untapped market and introducing them to his characters. The Second Annual Pitch contest will take place this fall in September.

Forge Young Talent

Events

This year Forge is focused on quality over quantity and we are seeing positive results paying off. Our first event of the year was Forge 101 in partnership with Washburn University. At this event we had some brief programming about Forge and WSGA. We also held a short networking workshop and then hosted a networking bingo. During which Forge had “networking facilitators” placed within the crowd to help facilitate conversations between the students and other attendees. We had over 100 students and Forge members in attendance; building relationships and professional networks. In addition to Forge 101 we hosted a successful Trivia night with 50+ Forge members, a Yoga and Mimosa event, Live Your Dream Symposium, and several volunteer opportunities.



Forge Recruitment Campaign Wraps Up

Forge Young Talent ran a successful recruitment campaign April 17 to June 19. The campaign was broken up into two different stages, with three different ads running during each stage. The campaign was completely digital and targeted the Topeka/Shawnee County, Lawrence, and Manhattan areas. Campaign results are below:

- Total reach of 84,893 across Instagram and Facebook
- 1,146 total clicks on ads
- 2,629 total website visits, with 1,100 of those occurring during the campaign (most viewed webpage on GO Topeka site this year behind home page)
- 74 new members during campaign period, 140 new members this year

TopCity Interns

Interns in the Capital City were able to enjoy some fun after a summer of hard work.

This year's class of Top City Interns and Forge staff met up at TopCity Golf at GreatLIFE North to remember their work and friendships and show off their skills.

Forge had a record-breaking number of interns this year, 400 working at 40 businesses across Topeka. Interns spent the summer learning about different skills and strategies in real-world situations. They also learned about the various opportunities Topeka has to offer.

“Being able to work out real-world problems in the workforce and just see it in person and not sit down in class and do it, it’s just a totally different perspective,” Abbey Ludders, a 2023 Top City Intern said.

“I think a lot of people look at internships as maybe just a summer job, but I think it can also create momentum in our community,” Cassidy Roberson, Top City intern co-chair said. These can be future leaders that do great things in our community, have families in our community.”

Ludder’s advice to next year’s Top City interns is to put yourself out there because it will open many doors for you.



Workforce & Talent

2023 Q2 Workforce Data

Total Working Age Population
(16 YEARS AND OVER)

101,167
TOPEKA

141,749
SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 2,276,609
US 266,801,000

Labor Force Participation

64,167
TOPEKA

92,884
SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 1,521,310
US 166,951,000

Employment

62,198
TOPEKA

90,265
SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 1,478,263
US 160,994,000

Jobs

86,910
TOPEKA

102,521
SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 1,506,172
US 161,552,255

Average Wages

\$54,297
TOPEKA

\$54,269
SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS \$56,211
US \$68,838

Labor Force Participation Rate

63.43% TOPEKA

65.5% SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 66.82%
US 62.58%

Employment-Population Ratio

61.48% TOPEKA

63.7% SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 64.93%
US 60.34%

Unemployment Rate

3.1% TOPEKA

2.8% SHAWNEE COUNTY

KS 2.8%
US 3.6%

*Total Civilian Non-institutionalized Population



Child Care Task Force

Topeka's Child Care to Benefit from \$3 Million in Grant Funding

Topeka's Child Care Task Force, which was stood up as part of a key initiative of Momentum 2027, is thrilled to announce it has been awarded more than \$3 million in grant funding to support the expansion of child care availability in Topeka and Shawnee County. The funding, secured through the state of Kansas' Child Care Capacity Accelerator program, will help create hundreds of new child care slots across the community.

The Greater Topeka Partnership and Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas collaborated to apply for the grant, showcasing their shared commitment to addressing the critical need for accessible and high-quality child care services in the region. The GTP and stakeholders across the community reinforced the need for such a commitment by including child care expansion as a key component of the Momentum 2027 strategy. The Topeka Child Care Task Force will now work closely with nine local child care providers to stand up more than 450 new child care slots, positively impacting families, the area's workforce and the community at large.

"We are extremely grateful to the state of Kansas and the Child Care Capacity Accelerator program for recognizing the urgent need to expand child care availability in communities across the state," said Trina Goss, director of business and talent initiatives for GO Topeka, a Partnership organization. "This funding will enable us to create significant positive change and provide essential support to families in Topeka and Shawnee County."

The awarded funds include \$2,762,113 from accelerator grant funds and an additional \$249,875 for the innovative community add-on, bringing the total grant amount to more than \$3 million. This substantial investment in the area's child care sector will both increase capacity and improve the overall quality of child care services in the region.

"Our organization is proud to be involved in this grant process and the work to come," said Reva Wywadis, with Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas. "This funding will empower us to make a real difference in the lives of families and children in Topeka and Shawnee County. By partnering with local child care providers, we can work with some of the people closest to this issue to effectively address the child care shortage and ensure that parents have access to safe, reliable, and nurturing care options."

"The expansion of child care availability in the greater Topeka area is a clear objective of Momentum 2027, our community's latest five-year strategy," said Michelle Cuevas-Stubblefield, senior vice president of strategy for the GTP. "This is a critical step forward in our efforts to improve outcomes and increase prosperity by bolstering support for families and children. Expanding child care is also, in many ways, an economic development issue, as it is closely linked to companies' abilities to attract employees, and our ability to grow and maintain a viable workforce."



Choose Topeka 2.0 Relocation Incentive

\$77,000

IN TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS
\$67,000 EMPLOYER MATCH FUNDS
\$10,000 BOOMERANG FUNDS

19

APPROVED
FAMILIES

10

RENTING

9

PURCHASED
HOMES

7

OF STATES
MOVED FROM

17

EMPLOYER
MATCHED

2

BOOMERANG

9

UNIQUE
EMPLOYER
SUBMITTALS

251

PROFILES
CREATED ON
SKILLFIT

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

\$68,597

TOTAL AVERAGE SALARY
\$69,994 EMPLOYER MATCH
\$67,200 BOOMERANG

14.7x

\$669,125
RETURN ON INVESTMENT
IN YEAR 1

75.7x

\$3,431,279
RETURN ON INVESTMENT
AFTER 5 YEARS

* INTERESTING FACT *

One of the participating employers relocated their business from Colorado to Topeka, and moved three of their key team members to Shawnee County utilizing the Choose Topeka Program.

CHOOSE IN THE NEWS

GO Topeka uses several public relation tools and have cultivated relationships with regional and national media to help maintain brand awareness through earned media. Overall, 86+ pieces of coverage were read by approximately 4.9M people and generated over 52,000 social media shares. This totals an earned media value of \$400,000.



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Meet Manuel Castro

Executive Coordinator

The GTP was excited to welcome Manuel Castro to our team in June to serve as Executive Coordinator for GO Topeka. Manuel will support GO Topeka's Innovation, Small Business, and Equity and Opportunity sectors. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Manuel earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Kansas, where he also worked for the TRIO SES & STEM Program for several years.





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DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



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