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by

Building Rural Innovations and Developing Growth Economies





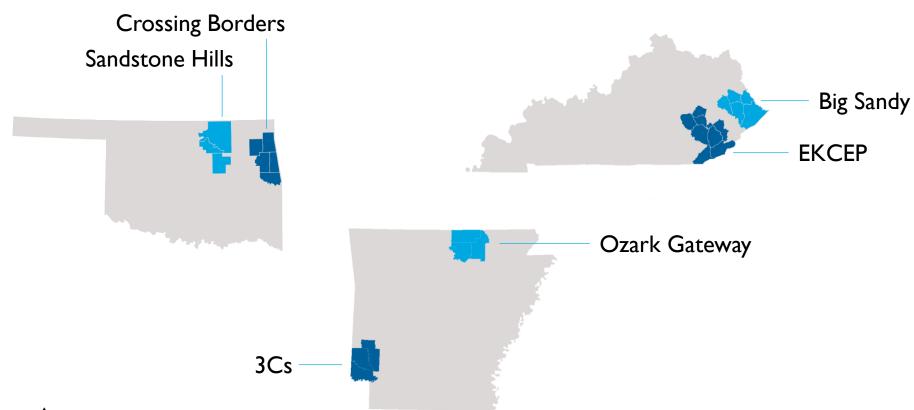






### CREATE BRIDGES PARTNERSHIP

















### Turn Opportunity Into Reality



**Opportunities** 





Goals to Pursue

Assets in the Region













### Purpose of CREATE BRIDGES



Raise awareness

2. Determine challenges, barriers, and opportunities

3. Develop and implement strategies











### Introductions

















### **CREATE BRIDGES Process**



Form a regional steering committee

Conduct an asset map of CREATE businesses and existing training programs

Host a
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Convene a retail academy

Workforce development

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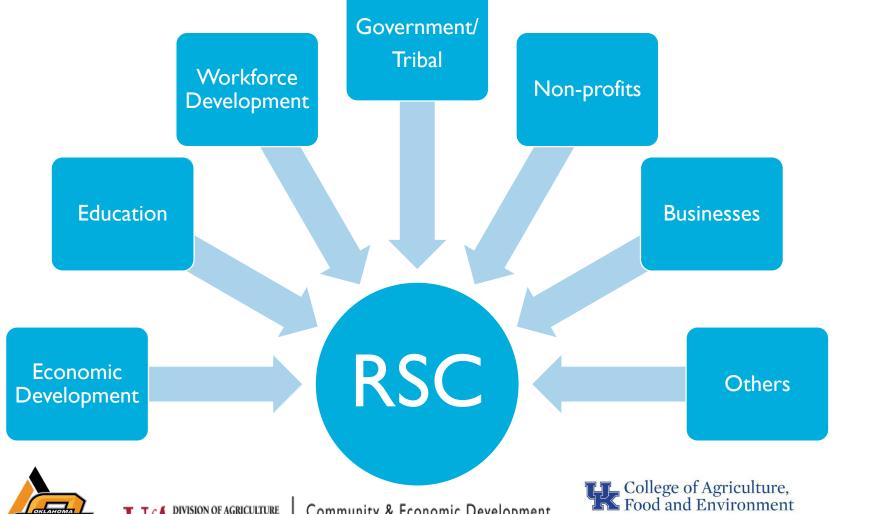






### Regional Steering Committee















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## Regional Steering Committee Responsibilities



- Coordinate with state facilitators
- ☐ Guide asset mapping assignment
- ☐ Engage key stakeholders and the public
- ☐ Plan and implement communications strategy for region

- Initiate CREATE BRIDGES forum
- Participate in Retail Academy
- ☐ Coordinate support for existing CREATE businesses
- Implement new strategies and actions













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### Today's Next Steps





Asset Mapping



CREATE BRIDGES Forum Planning













### What is Asset Mapping



Identifying and providing information on the regional CREATE BRIDGES assets















### Purpose





# Strengths

Provides a
 picture of the
 region's
 strengths as
 they relate to
 CREATE
 sectors



## Invitation

Provides a potential invitation list for the CREATE BRIDGES forum



# Foundation

Provides a foundation for BR&E and workforce training phases













### How to Conduct an Asset Map





Make a list of CREATE businesses and workforce development organizations in your region



Expand the list to include other assets that may be helpful using template provided



Finalize and share the template













### **Examples of Community Assets**



- Individual capacities community members, Extension staff, faith leaders, community volunteers
- Formal and informal community associations volunteer organizations, faith-based groups, training and workforce organizations
- Community institutions universities, colleges, k-12 schools, not-forprofits, businesses, banks and lenders
- Physical assets parks, infrastructure, transportation
- Community leaders and developers current and potential local leaders and policy makers











### Asset Mapping Form



Name of Organization/Asset	Name of Contact	Service Area (cities, counties, etc.)	Email	Phone	How does this asset relate to CREATE BRIDGES?
Example: Innovation Hub	Sally Scheringer	Mason City	SallyS @place.org	111-111- 1111	Provides start up and support services for small businesses













### Anything Missing? Complete Version by Jan. 11, 2019

















### Asset Mapping Sharing Webinar



Who: RSCs and State leaders

What: Asset mapping webinar

When: Week of Jan. 14

Where: Zoom

Why: To share regions' outcomes















### **CREATE BRIDGES Forum**











An opportunity to create buy-in within your region



















### CREATE BRIDGES Forum Planning



- ✓ When
- √Where
  - ✓ Who
  - √How















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### Questions?











