



**Moving Ideas Into Action**

## **2011 Town Hall Information and Issue Focus**

### **Economic Development in Oklahoma October 23 – 26**

*Sunday evening through Wednesday noon*

**Quartz Mountain Resort**

#### **THEME:**

This Town Hall is to develop policies and methods that will accelerate economic prosperity in Oklahoma's economy – with emphasis on the private economic sector. Areas of focus will be on generating practical ideas that may be implemented to increase the attraction and availability of CAPITAL; optimize INVESTMENT; increase PRODUCTIVITY; expand quality EMPLOYMENT; and grow the PERSONAL EARNINGS of Oklahomans.

#### **ISSUE FOCUS:**

In Oklahoma, over three quarters of all economic activity – output, income, and employment – resides in the private sector. Knowing what stimulates that sector to invest, employ and engage will be a central feature of the Oklahoma Academy's 2011 Town Hall. The topics expected to be covered range from this State's tax and regulatory climate to the creation of new wealth through internal innovation/entrepreneurship and the importation of outside capital. To remain competitive in a resource-strained economy, Oklahoma's private and public sectors must focus on those policies that generate a growing and sustained return on investment.

#### **WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:**

The Town Hall encourages those with open minds, proven ideas and from all walks of life to be active participants in this two and one-half day process. Through honest discussion, dialog and debate, the final recommendations from this process can yield powerful solutions to some of Oklahoma's most thorny economic problems.

#### **HOW TO BE CONSIDERED:**

In late March, the Academy will be seeking nominees – people who are interested themselves in participating as well as people who know others who should be considered. Once the Academy has a pool of nominees, in late May and early April invitations to participate will be sent to those selected from the pool. The selection is based upon most recent census data to give the Academy a socio-demographic representation of Oklahomans as participants.

The Town Hall Nomination Form will be mailed and emailed to all Academy members, tribal leaders, local chambers of commerce, education leaders, business and community leaders, economic development leaders, legislators, and other interested Oklahomans.

#### **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED:**

If you would like to receive a nomination form, please provide your **name, place of business, mailing address, email address and phone number** by email to Jamie Wade at [jamie@okacademy.org](mailto:jamie@okacademy.org) or you may fax this information to the Academy office at 405.236.5268. If you have questions, please call Julie Knutson, Jamie Wade or Jennifer Engleman in the Academy office at 405.232.5828.