



Economic Development Projects and APEX Update
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Thank you for allowing us to provide an update regarding economic development, APEX and employment.

2023 Economic Development and Job Creation

As we begin to close out 2023, the Department of Commerce continues to see growth and retention projects flourish across the state. We remain on a dominant trajectory of development, adding more than \$3 billion of capital investment projects, 9,621 new and retained jobs and 190 projects. Currently, we have an estimated 219 projects in the pipeline. It is important to note that none of these numbers include our second APEX project, Integra, as they still wait for a CHIPS funding announcement. The Integra project will create 1,944 new jobs and invest \$1.8 billion in a state-of-the-art facility in Wichita. Below is a chart of the top 10 successes for the year. It’s also important to note that these numbers do not include EMP Shield as they wait for a CHIPS funding announcement as well.

Company Name	Capital Investment	New Jobs	Retained Jobs	County
Walmart (Beef Packaging Facility)	\$258 million	667		Johnson
High Plains Ponderosa Dairy, LLC	\$168 million	95		Meade
Camso Manufacturing	\$113 million	181	193	Geary
Koch Fertilizer Dodge City, LLC	\$93 million	0		Ford
Infinity Windows	\$76.4 million	600		Wyandotte
Oppidan	\$70.5 million	6		Johnson
Biomune Company	\$54.8 million	40		Johnson
Southwest Plains Dairy, LLC	\$54 million	45	55	Hamilton
DSM Nutritional Products	\$52 million	28		Leavenworth
Summit Truck Bodies, LLC	\$50 million	80		Doniphan

APEX Updates

Since the Panasonic agreement was signed a little more than a year ago, the project site has been buzzing with activity. There are approximately 600 construction workers on site. The concrete has been poured and steel is up. They are working to put up the roof now. Some of the Kansas leadership team and human resource staff for the facility have been hired and are working in state. Production is estimated to begin at the end of 2024. Keeping this timeline in mind, the company anticipates filing its first claim of APEX benefits after a full year of expenses. Most likely the filing will occur in 2024 after the employee tax filings are submitted for 2023. The company has reported a little more than \$321.9 million in capital investment from October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

The Integra project agreement is contingent upon the company securing U.S. Department of Commerce CHIPS and Science Act funding as the project plans are designed to address recent risks identified in the U.S. semiconductor supply chain, support domestic semiconductor production, and strengthen advanced manufacturing in the state. Recently, members of the SFC were notified that the deadline for Integra to secure federal funds has been moved from October 1st to April 1st. Integra has submitted their first application to the U.S. Department of Commerce and has been asked to submit additional information, which is very promising. The process at the federal level has taken longer than originally anticipated.

At this time, the only APEX incentive benefit received has been the sales tax exemption benefit utilized by Panasonic as they continue with plant construction. No other benefits have been realized by either company at this time.

Employment Numbers

Within the Department of Commerce is the workforce development division. A key component of the division is a web-based job-matching and labor market information system, called **KANSASWORKS.com**. This online platform provides job seekers, employers, and training providers with easy-to-use tools that support a wide range of activities. As of November 1st, **KANSASWORKS.com** had 53,767 job postings, which is a slight increase from the previous weeks. Below is a chart that shows the number of job orders by month from January 2019 to YTD September 2023. The industries or sectors who are currently listing the most available positions include engineering services, hospitals, automotive parts and accessories stores, temporary help services, and health care and social assistance.

