



Inaugural event: State Suppliers Expo



OMES will lead a business recruitment and engagement event, the State Suppliers Expo, at the Oklahoma City Convention Center on Oct. 19.

The objective of this event is to attract more private companies to become state suppliers, convey the state's needs and how companies can scale to meet those needs and also give a hands-on learning experience for companies to understand the state's purchasing process and opportunities.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

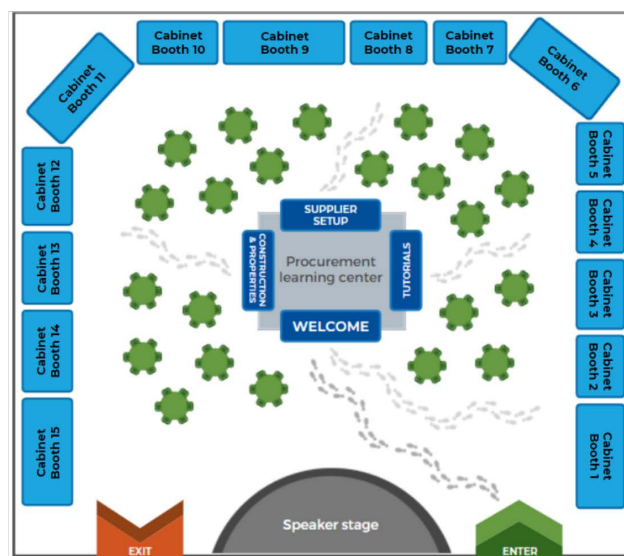
Where: Oklahoma City Convention Center, 100 Mick Cornett Dr.

Who: OMES Central Purchasing, state agencies, cabinet secretaries, current and potential state suppliers.

Event layout:

The State Suppliers Expo will center around OMES Central Purchasing's procurement learning center – offering a welcome booth, education on how to become a state supplier and on-the-spot registration to do business with the state.

- Traffic flows from the welcome booth to the surrounding 15 cabinet-level booths.
- Suppliers will have the chance to develop personal contacts within each cabinet area.
- Open discussion tables will be available to build personal contacts and learn more about state or business needs.
- Speakers each hour will highlight specific needs of the state and cast a vision forward for state-suppliers partnerships.



AT EACH BOOTH:



In-person networking:

- Build relationships.
- Opportunities to grow local businesses through state-suppliers partnerships.



Top projects and contact information.



A special message from cabinet members.