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#### **Kansas Lt. Governor David Toland: Accelerating the Economy through a Framework for Growth**

As Kansas Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce, I am passionate about developing both short-term policies and a long-term vision for the economic success of our state and its residents. To be most successful, Kansas needs a plan for the future to sustain growth and prosperity.

That's why Governor Kelly and I recently introduced the "[Framework for Growth](#)," a bold plan to address current and future trends in our state that will position Kansas for success now and into the future. The plan details our strategies to promote job growth, bolster our workforce, attract new capital investment in all of Kansas' communities and modernize our economy.

The Framework for Growth was developed using input from 2,000 people with businesses, chambers of commerce and local governments, and with a keen eye on the way the economy has changed as a result of the pandemic. Kansas faces many challenges, including a slow rate of growth, the elimination of jobs as a result of automation and a "brain drain" of educated and talented young workers leaving Kansas for jobs in other states.

Through Framework for Growth, we have targeted specific sectors of the economy for accelerated growth:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Aerospace
- Distribution, Transportation and E-Commerce
- Food and Agriculture
- Professional and Technical Services

To retain and recruit companies in these sectors, Kansas must be a place for innovation, show off what our communities have to offer and ensure that investments and incentives are current and attractive when compared to other states. We also have an opportunity to be even more competitive for businesses and workers through the expansion of Medicaid in our state.

Kansas must also continue to strengthen our education system to be competitive. That means matching high school and college opportunities with existing and future jobs in our state, while making Kansas a place where graduates want to stay.

While the Framework for Growth is ambitious, a long-term plan with investment and commitment from our state leaders is precisely what Kansas needs to power an economic rebound and success well in the future.

Read the Framework for Growth here: <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/kansas-framework-for-growth/>

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