



Visioneering Wichita Unified Legislative Agenda Strategic Alliance Summary of Accomplishments to Date December 2006

The Unified Legislative Alliance (ULA) benchmark is to ***"have a unified agenda that advances Visioneering Wichita."*** To accomplish this benchmark, the ULA provides a process by which Wichita MSA groups, organizations, coalitions, and other Visioneering alliances can develop and submit proposals for the unified agenda.

The ULA initiated the 2006-2007 process in August. Since that time much has been accomplished, including:

- Revisiting and committing to a set of "guiding principles" that stress consensus building and a regional approach
- Created a timeline for the 2006-2007 process that is open to anyone interested and utilizes a set of criteria through which proposals that advance Visioneering Wichita are supported
- Agreed to focus the legislative agenda on "education" and "job growth"
- Revised a proposal template form that has been widely distributed so that groups, organizations, and individuals can develop their proposals for consideration
- Revised a "scoring matrix" that will be used to determine the extent to which proposals help in addressing: job growth, education, regionalism, additional benchmarks, regional economic impact, social impact, and how realistic it is for possible passage

Since September, a Visioneering Wichita strategic alliance of south central Kansas legislators, area citizens, business leaders, regional elected officials and organizations has met monthly to discuss and refine the process of formulating a south-central Kansas unified legislative agenda. Meetings were facilitated by the Self Help Network. Extensive input, intentional outreach, and careful consideration of issues are hallmarks of this collaboration.

Listed below is the Visioneering Unified Legislative Alliance Legislative Agenda and 2007 Priorities:

- State financial support to maintain and expand low cost commercial air service from Mid-Continent Airport (maintain funding)
- Continued state investments in aviation research at the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University (continue funding support)
- State support for 25% expansion in the capacity of nursing programs in existing post-secondary public education institutions in South Central Kansas (maintain funding)
- Support for a new system and facility for technical education and training in the area through the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority (ongoing support)
- Support for the Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) (new item)

The Visioneering Wichita Strategic Plan is available at www.visioneeringwichita.com. South-central Kansas legislators, REAP members, regional elected officials, Unified Legislative Alliance members, Vision Partners, Visioneering Wichita Steering Committee and media are invited to a reception will be held on Thursday, December 7th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at City Arts where the Visioneering Unified Legislative Alliance for 2007 will be publicly announced.