

## Our objectives for today's workshop

- 1. Review the process for Kansas and the Framework for Growth effort
- 2. Share findings on Kansas' key challenges and assets
- 3. Have an open discussion on strategies to accelerate growth in Kansas and your community
- 4. Share preliminary initiatives that are emerging from the Framework for Growth



- 1. Process Overview
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### Our approach to developing a comprehensive strategy will follow four phases

**Phases** 

Assess Kansas' competitiveness



**Develop and prioritize potential initiatives** 



**Design action plan** 



Test and refine strategy

**Activities** 

- Evaluate economic performance relative to peers and to baseline
- Identify potential target industry sectors / subsectors
- Assess competitiveness factors (e.g., innovation, talent and workforce)
- Determine key assets and challenges in Kansas and each of its distinct regions
- Align on the portfolio of industry sectors and sub-sectors where KS has a competitive advantage
- Develop and prioritize initiatives that accelerate growth
- Develop action plans for prioritized initiatives
- Design appropriate operating model and governance structure
- Refine findings and strategies from feedback from diverse stakeholders
- Identify and engage partners for prioritized initiatives

**Stakeholder engagement** 

Stakeholder interviews, workshops, and surveys to gather diverse perspectives

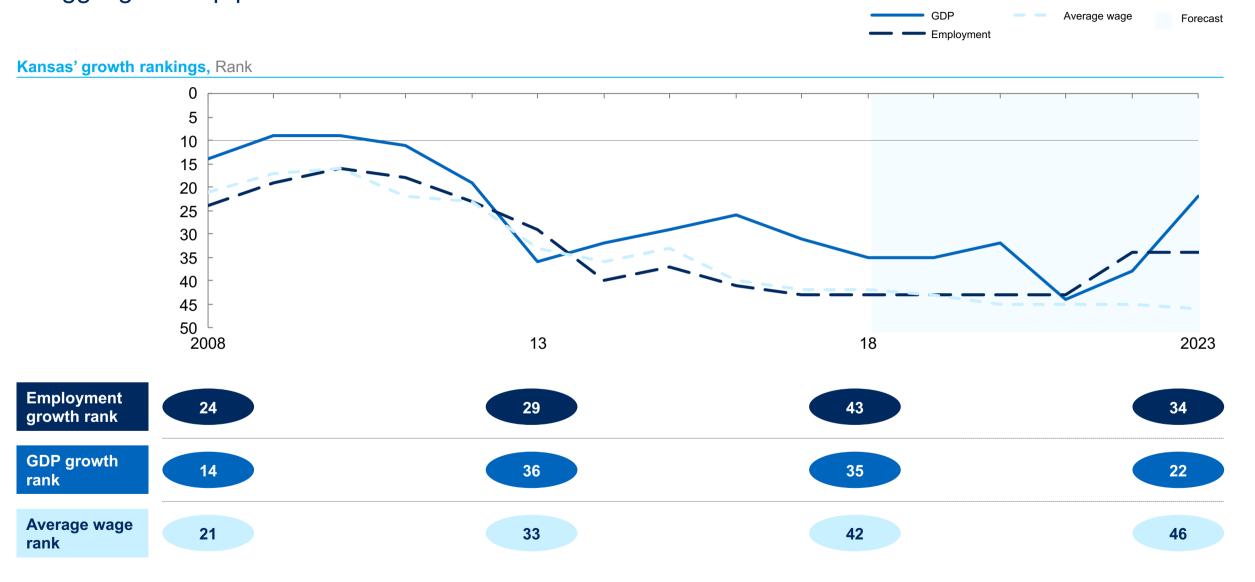
## The strategy will be built from insights across regional leaders, expert interviews, and a mix of quantitative and qualitative research



- Seven regional workshops across the state engaging 250+ participants to date across economic development, education, and industry leaders, reviewing Kansas' economic performance, the region's strengths and assets and discussing potential priority initiatives
- Targeted interviews of 50+ experts supporting a range of analyses, including, but not limited to: KDC subject matter
  experts, Kansas thought leaders, business leaders, educators and reviewing best practice case studies
- Thematic working sessions planned on priority topics to engage subject experts in review of current context and initiative development
- Analysis of macroeconomic data to assess current performance and competitiveness, isolating priority opportunities statewide and regionally:
  - Benchmarking macroeconomic performance to peers
  - Sector-based target industry identification and cluster analysis
  - Assessment of enablers of growth (e.g., innovation, infrastructure, business climate, talent)
  - Identification of best practices and relevant case studies to inform strategies
  - Review and synthesis of existing plans and strategies
- Engagement with broader public to gather diverse perspectives and generate momentum for the effort:
  - Public survey and website to share progress and gather insights
  - Public townhalls to share findings on key strengths and challenges for the State
  - Strategy roadshow to gather feedback on strategy
- Business Council formed, consisting of 20+ business leaders in Kansas to share diverse industry perspectives and help shape the strategy
- Interviews with business leaders across industries to discuss key trends, challenges, and opportunities for impact

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Over the past decade Kansas has fallen out of the top half of states, and is projected to continue struggling to keep pace with the nation



### The vision for the Kansas Framework is to promote sustained growth for Kansas

### **Aspiration for the Kansas economy:**



Get Kansas punching above its weight again – accelerate job, wage, and GDP growth



No region left behind ensure shared prosperity across all regions



The level of ambition and outcomes will change over time:

#### **Consistent top performer –**

"Kansas remains a top performer that has anchored itself in consistent economic performance"

#### Accelerated growth –

"Kansas shocks the nation with tremendous growth and a plan for it to continue"

#### Stabilize and re-position -

"Kansas has reversed decline and is on a clear growth trajectory"

## Kansas has several significant strengths and a record of strong performance, but there are opportunities and emerging challenges



### Strengths

11th in the country in graduate production

High quality of life in terms of affordability, safety, and schools

Location in the heart of the country and strong road systems

Increasing presence in Efficient incentives program in both jobs and the sectors driving growth capital expenditure per logistics) dollar

### **Challenges**

43rd in employment growth and 42nd in wage growth in 2018

44th in migration to the

State

22% job displacement expected from automation by 2030

Rural Kansas faces more acute challenges than the rest of the state

39th in retention of college graduates in the nation

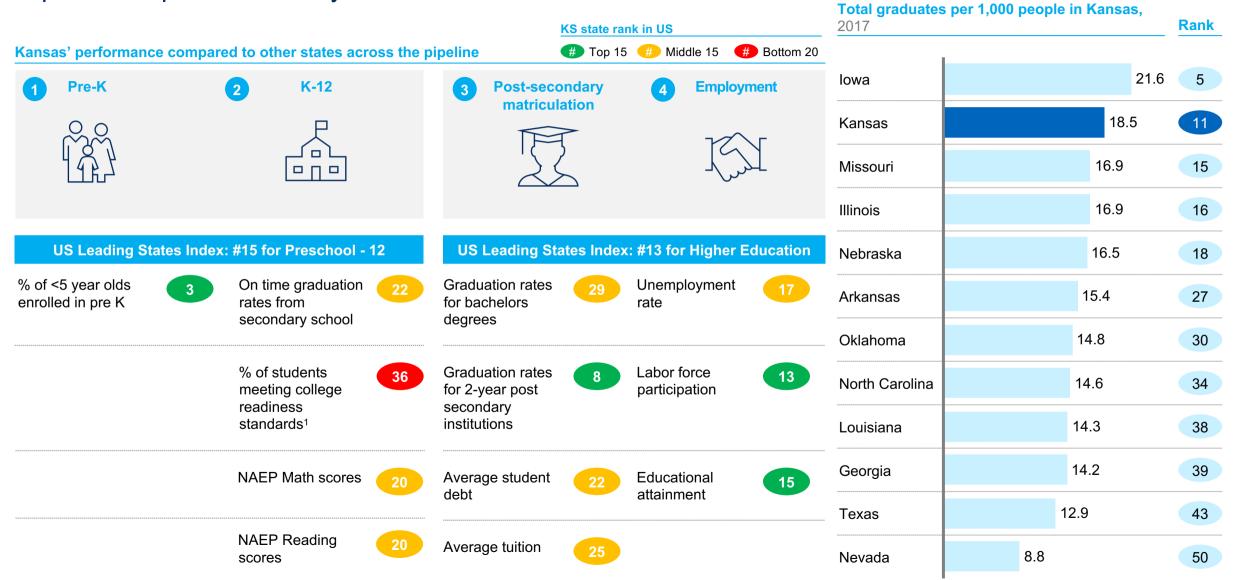
38th in start up creation in the country

(e.g. business services,

13th highest labor force

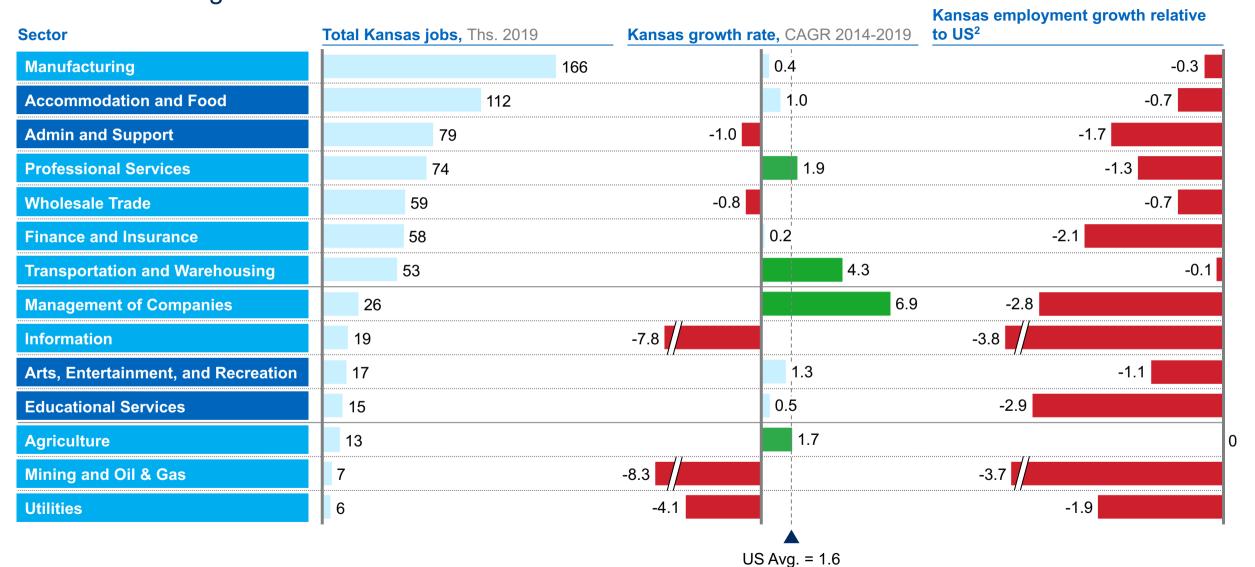
participation in the nation

## Kansas has strong performance across the education pipeline, particularly in pre-k and post-secondary education



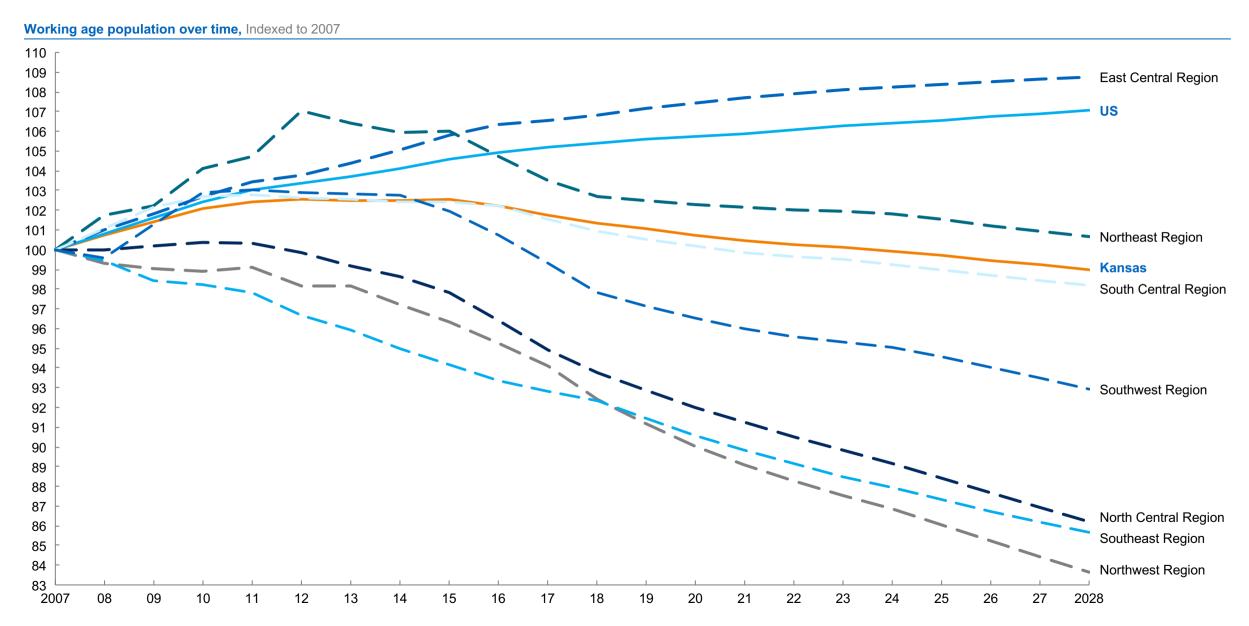
## Kansas' economy has experienced below average growth across many of the State's largest tradeable sectors





<sup>1</sup> Traded clusters are groups of related industries that serve markets beyond the region in which they are located. Local clusters, in contrast, consist of industries that serve the local market 2 KS 5 year GDP CAGR minus US GDP CAGR

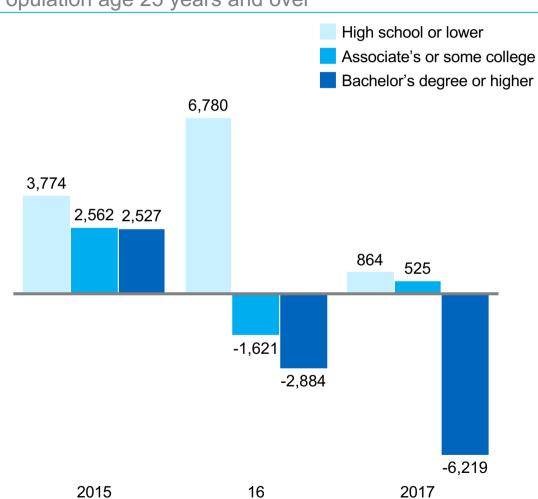
## Kansas trails most peers in working age population, and it is expected to continue declining



### Over the past few years, Kansas has seen many of its higher-educated population leave the State

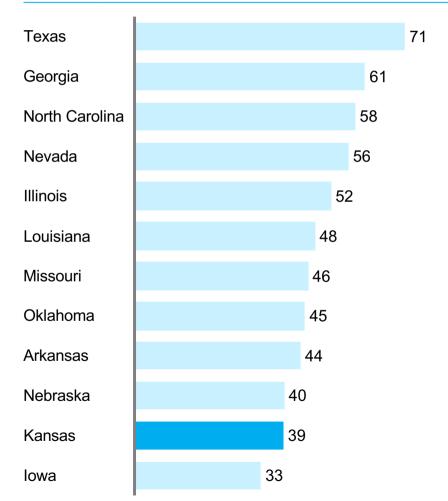
#### **Net migration by educational attainment in Kansas,**

Population age 25 years and over



#### **Graduates that live in state where they graduated,**

Percent, 2018

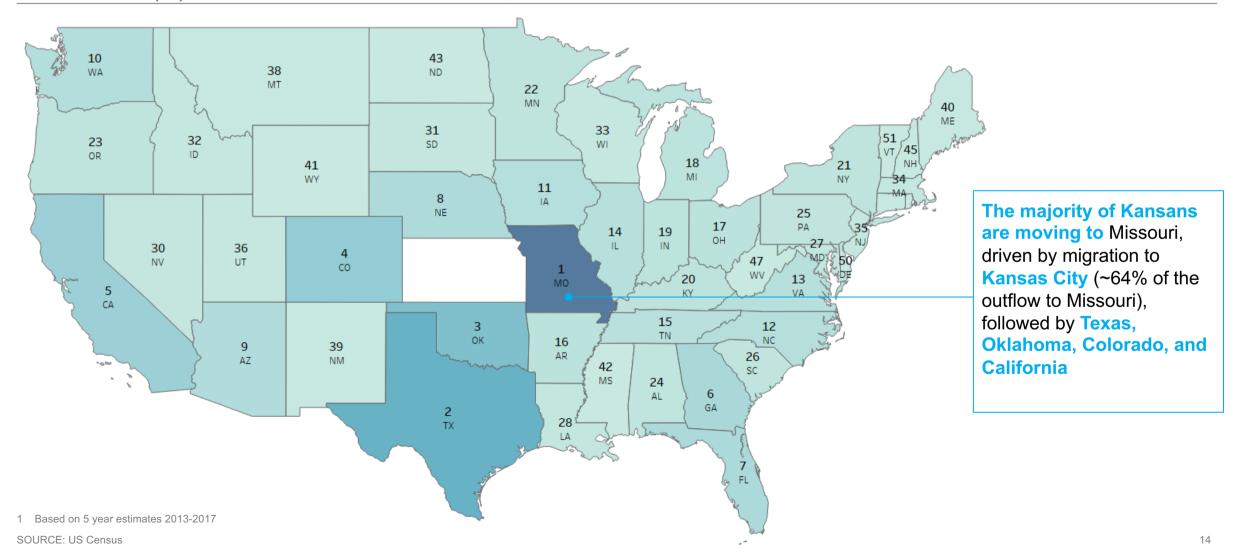


## ~22% of Kansans are moving to Missouri, the vast majority moving to Kansas City, followed by Texas and Oklahoma

#### Where are Kansans moving?

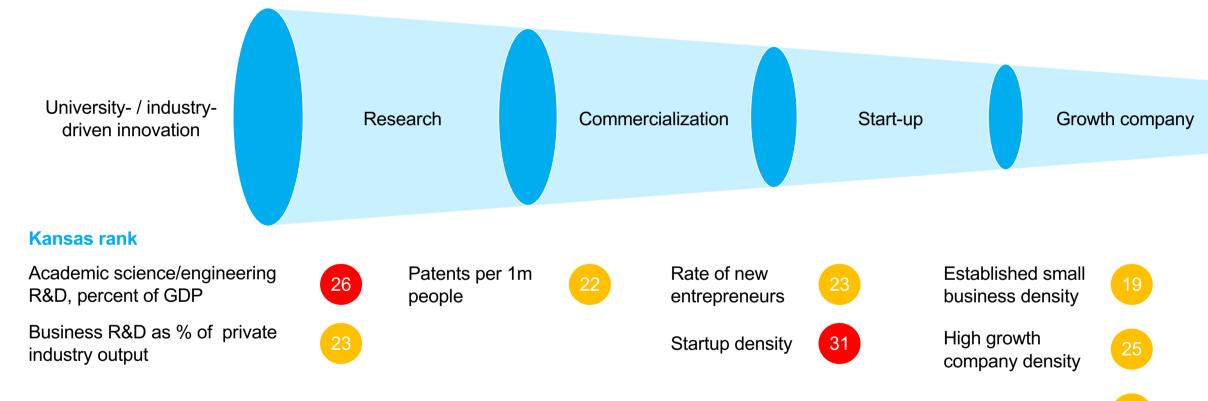
2017<sup>1</sup> Kansas population outflow to other US States, Rank





## Kansas has relatively poor outcomes across the innovation pipeline, particularly in research and start-up creation

#### **Innovation Pipeline**



Survival rate<sup>3</sup>

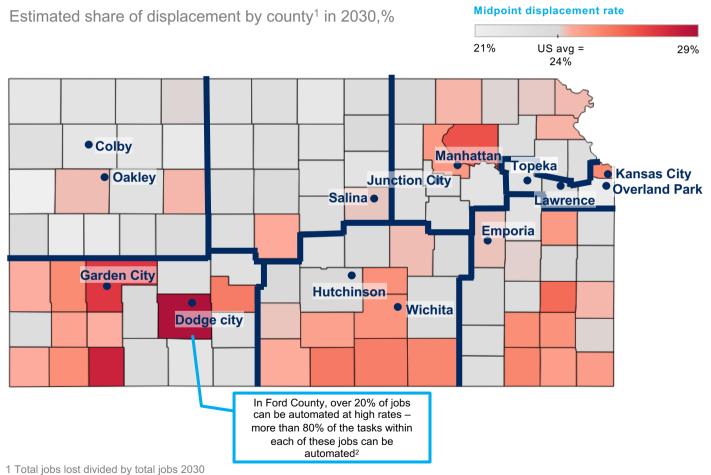
<sup>1</sup> The number of jobs created in the first year of business

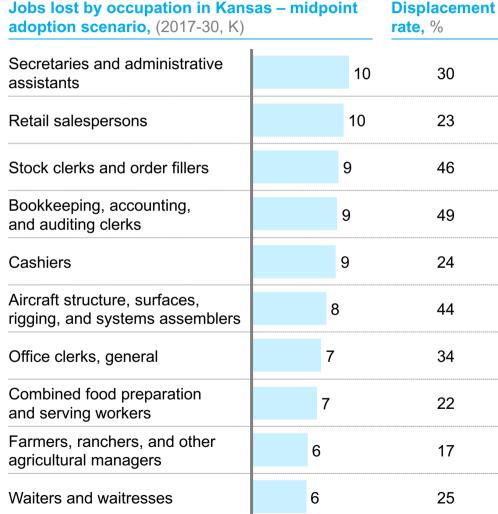
<sup>2</sup> The percentage of new entrepreneurs who created a business out of choice instead of necessity

<sup>3</sup> The rate of survival in the first year of business

## Kansas is estimated to experience 22% displacement from automation, with some geographies and occupations hit harder than others

#### Midpoint displacement rate<sup>1</sup> for Kansas





<sup>2</sup> Jobs with the highest expected full time employee impact in Ford County, KS include: Meat, poultry and fish trimmers; Slaughterers and meatpackers; Helpers – production workers; Heavy & tractor-trailer truck drivers; and Packaging and filling machine operators

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## Open discussion



Do these strengths and challenges resonate with you? What are we missing?





What challenges exist in your districts. What are its greatest assets?



What are recent successes in your district?



What are some potential strategies or initiatives to accelerate growth?

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## Empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve prosperity in Kansas by...

Developing a portfolio of target sectors where Kansas has a competitive advantage:



Become a leader in business services to create more high wage jobs in a growing sector



Take advantage of geographical position to become a U.S. leader in distribution, transportation, and e-commerce



Maintain and grow expertise in the aerospace sector, particularly in disruptive technologies in the industry



Advance growth in innovative and thriving sub-sectors in the food and agriculture industries



Remain on the forefront of advanced manufacturing to build the goods, materials, and machines of the future



Push boundaries in promising disruptive technologies by capitalizing on unique assets<sup>1</sup>











Win the talent war to attract and retain top talent and prepare our workforce for the jobs of the future

Build an innovation ecosystem to make Kansas a home for entrepreneurs, start-ups, and innovators Invest in a rural "playbook" to revitalize rural communities and enable shared prosperity through collaboration Promote placemaking and liveability to make Kansas' cities great places to live, work, and play

# **Talent** 75-**Innovation Enablers** of Growth Rural revitalization **Placemaking**

#### **Potential initiatives**

- Find innovative incentives to attract and retain top talent (e.g., housing solutions, ease licensing requirements)
- Strengthen job pipeline for Kansas graduates to keep more of the talent we produce
- Bridge the skill gap for in demand, critical needs and high wage positions (e.g., coding, automated machinery operation)
- Develop innovation hubs around Kansas' anchor universities to improve commercialization outcomes
- Expand support services and access to capital for Kansas entrepreneurs
- Improve the culture of innovation in Kansas through company sponsored innovation competition expansion of innovation classes
- Provide at-scale investment for rural clusters to promote downtown revitalization, innovation, and education in in rural communities
- Double-down on growing industries where rural communities have a competitive advantage
- Invest in physical and digital infrastructure to improve connectivity rural communities (e.g., broadband)
- Invest in the downtowns of the future (e.g., walkability, micro-mobility, main street revitalization, lifestyle amenities, and technology solutions)
- Make a sustained and concerted effort to develop a vibrant urban core in Kansas that rivals the urban growth hubs of the U.S.
- Collaborate with corporations, developers, localities, and state agencies to promote vibrant placemaking

## **Business** services Aerospace E-commerce, transportation **Promising** sectors Food & agriculture **Advanced** manufacturing

#### **Potential initiatives**

- Become the home of corporate HQs in the nation by attracting the U.S. locations of foreign companies
- Create focused attraction efforts for computer services through talent sourcing and financial incentives
- Build business service Centers of Excellence around key sectors in Kansas (e.g. advanced analytics for agriculture)
- Create a business tech talent program to attract talent for high-potential occupations
- Make Kansas a best in class maintenance and repair provider
- Expand the State's aerospace training curricula and employer driven training programs
- Expand Kansas' position as a leader in aerospace innovation by leveraging specialization and assets (e.g., NIAR)
- Work with companies to retrain drivers to manage autonomous vehicles and emerging forms of last-mile delivery
- Incentivize logistics companies to offer internships to students at four-year universities or technical schools
- Bolster air transportation to win multimodal logistics deals
- Work with developers to invest in prospective site development in highly connected areas
- Develop the premier animal health services corridor in the world by expanding business and research
- Promote the development of ag-technology in Kansas through increased research funding and support for ag-tech startups
- Become a leader in sustainable agriculture (e.g. improved water irrigation technologies) and continue build trust and transparency for Kansas' agriculture products
- Support companies digitizing legacy systems by helping to invest in the technology, facilitate the transition, and train employees
- Incentivize out-of-state manufacturers developing innovative solutions (e.g., advanced robotics) to relocate to Kansas
- Create or expand partnerships between technical colleges and manufacturers to give middle-skilled workers access to classes on basic coding and data analysis

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### **Key next steps as the Framework for Growth continues**

- 1 Continue engaging and gathering the perspectives of diverse stakeholders across the State
- 2 Continue to develop and prioritize initiatives
- 3 Develop more detailed action plans for prioritized initiatives

4 Draft a public report with key findings and proposed strategies

Stay in touch – reach out and find us on the Kansas for Growth website!



