

A Brief History of OMES

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OKLAHOMA
Office of Management
& Enterprise Services

Our mission

OMES was created to centralize essential government operations—making them more efficient, more affordable and more consistent than if every agency duplicated the same work on their own.

We believe state agencies and taxpayers are best served when OMES stays focused on its core strengths: information technology, human resources, construction, state assets, real estate, budget, procurement and finance.

Where we started

The Office of State Finance (OSF) successfully integrated several key agencies in 2011 under HB 2140, enhancing collaboration and efficiency. These agencies included:

- The Department of Central Services
- The Office of Personnel Management
- The Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council
- The State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board

Where we started

In 2012 and under HB 3053, OSF was renamed the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The purpose of this consolidation was to bring all the functions, powers, duties and obligations of these separate agencies under the umbrella of OMES. The consolidated entity continued to grow as other divisions of OMES were added to the agency.

TIMELINE

1,286 total legislative directives



Partnering to refocus on what we do best

To honor our original purpose and deliver the best value to taxpayers, OMES is asking the Legislature to remove directives that fall outside our core mission. This will allow us to strengthen the services we were created to provide—more economically and better than agencies could do alone.

Proposed changes

Office of Veterans Placement: Transfer to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (62 O.S. 34.301).

Applicant Services: Remove the function of preparing, maintaining and revising the state's applicant employment system (74 O.S. 840-1.6A(3)).

Civil Service Division: Move to the Oklahoma Department of Labor (62 O.S. 34.301).

Fleet Management: Allow agencies to manage their own leasing and purchasing, while Service Oklahoma maintains oversight (74 O.S. 78).

Proposed changes

State Use Program: Transition to the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (74 O.S. 3001-3009).

Agency Business Services: Gradually return these functions to individual agencies that prefer to handle financial responsibilities in-house (62 O.S. 34.36).

Pay for Success: Move to appropriate agencies (62 O.S. 9010.5 & 57 O.S. Section 510.8c).

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