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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective as of June 12, 2018 ("effective date")

BETWEEN:

**THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE
THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA
("ALBERTA")**

And

**OFFICE OF THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE
("TEXAS")**

Alberta and Texas (collectively, the "Participants") seek to facilitate and implement opportunities for a long term collaborative relationship to advance the export development, investment attraction, solution oriented research, commercialization and global competitiveness of the energy sector, advanced technologies, and trade and investment in each respective jurisdiction.

The Participants share a common commitment to the pursuit of economic progress and prosperity.

The Participants are both recognized as centers of excellence and innovation in research and development, agriculture, and energy within their respective countries.

The Participants are economically interdependent, share integrated supply chains, and enjoy a bilateral trading relationship in excess of C\$13.8 billion and US\$10.6 billion (2017).

The Participants recognize the wish to enhance and strengthen their efforts to pursue common goals and objectives in relation to stimulating economic growth.

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") sets out the intentions and understandings of the Participants as follows:

1. Scope of Collaboration

The Participants, each working with other appropriate departments and agencies in their respective governments, commit to ongoing dialogue and agree to work together to:

- i. Endeavor to develop a mutual understanding of shared challenges and opportunities as they relate to commercial and economic development;
- ii. Explore potential areas of collaboration that enhance prospects for economic development and job growth in Alberta and Texas;
- iii. Seek opportunities to enhance trade and investment and to undertake collaborative innovations and research and development around emerging technologies between Alberta and Texas;
- iv. Work with their respective federal governments to enhance regional and bi-national competitiveness through the promotion of open trade practices and through the prevention and elimination of trade barriers;
- v. Demonstrate sub-national leadership by jointly identifying areas of common interest that either Party may bring forward to the attention of the respective federal governments.

2. MOU Management Committee

The Participants will appoint an MOU Management Committee consisting of two senior officials from each jurisdiction to oversee the implementation of the MOU.

The Management Committee may consider opportunities in the following sectors:

- Oil and gas
- Renewable energy
- Agriculture and Agri-food
- Life Sciences
- Digital technology
- Emerging technology

3. Costs

Each Participant will bear its own costs resulting from its participation in activities undertaken in the furtherance of the objectives of this MOU.

4. Nature of the Memorandum of Understanding

This MOU serves only as a statement of intention of the Participants and is not intended to create any legally binding obligations nor be construed as agreement on any matters mentioned. This MOU does not create any relationship of employment, agency, partnership or joint venture between the Participants.

5. Exchange of Information and Confidentiality

Participants will keep each other informed of progress and results in areas of common interest so as to ensure that the activities of the Participants are coordinated. Participants recognize and acknowledge that by the nature of their respective operations they will be involved with not only each other, but also with third parties directly or indirectly, and that as a result of such involvement, confidential or classified information may be generated or obtained from such third parties. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as requiring the Participants to disclose to one another any confidential or classified information generated or obtained. Participants will each have the right to place any restrictions, limitations and conditions deemed appropriate upon the communications and cooperation contemplated by this MOU.

Texas acknowledges that this MOU, including the names of Participants and all content, may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Alberta) or by Alberta if requested to table the MOU before the Alberta Legislature.

Nothing in this MOU alters any obligations under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "PIA"), as interpreted by the Texas Office of the Attorney General's Open Records Division and the judiciary

6. Notices

Any communication required under this MOU will be made in writing and sent to the other Participant as set out below:

Department of Economic Development and Trade, Government of Alberta
Contact: Matthew Machielse, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade and Investment Attraction Division
Telephone: (780) 427-4442 Email: matthew.machielse@gov.ab.ca

Texas Secretary of State Office
Contact: Cammy Jones, Director, International Protocol, Office of the Texas Secretary of State
Telephone: (512) 463-5268 Email: Cjones@sos.texas.gov

7. Term

This MOU will be in effect for three (3) years from the date of signing, unless otherwise extended or terminated in accordance with the provisions of this MOU.

8. Amendment

Either Participant may make a request in writing for an amendment to this MOU. Any amendment may only be made by mutual written agreement signed by both Participants.

9. Termination

Either Participant may terminate the MOU at any time, without cause, by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed by the Participants in Calgary, Alberta this 12 day of June, 2018.

ON BEHALF OF THE TEXAS
SECRETARY OF STATE



Rolando B. Pablos
Secretary of State
State of Texas

ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE,
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA



Honourable Deron Bilous
Minister Economic Development and Trade
Province of Alberta

Approved pursuant to the *Government
Organization Act*


Intergovernmental Relations,
Executive Council