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State of Oklahoma Agencies Name Tower at Former Sandridge Complex

OKLAHOMA CITY – Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, in partnership with the Commissioners of Land Office and other state agencies, announced “Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons” as the new name for the main tower located at 123 Robert S Kerr in the Oklahoma Commons complex in downtown Oklahoma City. In addition to Strata Tower, Oklahoma Commons includes an auditorium, fitness center and plaza area. The addition of the tower name will help delineate public-facing facilities from the Tower, which houses state agency offices.

The name honors the rich heritage of the building, which has previously been the headquarters for energy companies Kerr-McGee and Sandridge Energy. The term “Strata” is used to represent the layers of sub-terranean rock that contain oil and gas reserves. This name also represents other facets of the oil and gas industry, such as the drilling, production and ultimate delivery to end-users of our State’s rich oil and gas deposits.

“This building has long served as a beacon for innovation in the energy industry. Now, it holds a wide range of state agencies – from the Tourism Department to the Tax Commission. The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons perfectly honors the history of the building, while embracing the diversity of its new occupants,” Pinnell said.

“By naming the Tower, our hope is that Oklahomans will be able to easily differentiate between state agency offices and public-facing services such as Vital Records, the Tax Resource Center and the Lottery Claims Center. We recognize that navigating the Commons can be challenging, and we want to make that easier for everyone,” added Secretary of the Commissioners of the Land Office Elliot Chambers.

Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons serves as headquarters for the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Lottery Commission.

“Our state’s rich heritage in energy has been the foundation attracting businesses in other sectors, helping to diversify Oklahoma’s economy. Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons is a testament to that diversity and the incredible history of oil and gas in Oklahoma,” Governor Kevin Stitt said.

The 30-floor building was constructed in 1971 by the Kerr-McGee Corporation as its corporate headquarters and became the corporate headquarters for Sandridge Energy in 2007. The purchase was arranged by the Commissioners of the Land Office with a transactional name of Oklahoma Commons in August 2020, with state agencies purchasing and occupying most of the units.

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