

**JOINT STATEMENT OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS GOVERNOR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND
THE MINISTRY FOR EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC**

In recognition of the strong economic ties between the State of Texas (hereafter “Texas”) and the French Republic (hereafter “France”) and in the spirit of joint economic development, the Office of the Texas Governor and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France express under this Joint Statement of Intent their willingness to encourage collaboration, increase prosperity in both regions and contribute to the further development of favorable relations between Texas and France. The participants will endeavor to work together to help facilitate the expansion of businesses, encourage the creation of jobs and promote innovation through collaborative efforts, including:

- I. Encouraging investment, trade, and business expansion in key industry sectors, including aerospace and aviation, film and music, digital media, energy, biotechnology, petrochemicals, energy transition, advanced manufacturing, corporate operations, and information and communication technologies;
- II. Developing a shared understanding of challenges and opportunities related to commercial and economic development;
- III. Exploring potential areas of cooperation that enhance prospects for economic development and job growth in Texas and France;
- IV. Continually seeking opportunities to enhance trade and investments in each region; and
- V. Supporting the development and discovery of new and emerging technologies.

This Joint Statement of Intent is solely an expression of the participants' desires to establish a mutually beneficial relationship and creates no legally binding rights or obligations, nor does it constitute any financial commitment by either participant. Each participant may conduct the cooperative activities described in this Joint Statement of Intent at its discretion and subject to the availability of funds and personnel and to its laws and regulations. The participants will embark on these endeavors for a period of five years after the date it is signed by both signatories. Either participant may, at its discretion, end its participation in this Joint Statement of Intent at any time.

Signed in duplicate in Paris, France, on _____ in the English and French languages.

OFFICE OF THE TEXAS GOVERNOR

**MINISTRY FOR EUROPE AND FOREIGN
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