

# Economic Impact Analysis Methodology

As is observable from the accompanying map, the state of Oklahoma is divided into six regions in the REMI model used by the CEBD. They are: Northwest Oklahoma, Northeast Oklahoma, Southwest Oklahoma, Southeast Oklahoma, the Oklahoma City metro area, and the Tulsa metro area. The Oklahoma City metro area and the Tulsa metro area correspond to the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) defined by the Office of Management & Budget.

The Office of Management & Budget (OMB) defines metropolitan areas in the United States based upon the size of the economies and commuting patterns. The two largest MSAs by population in Oklahoma are Oklahoma City MSA and Tulsa MSA. As defined by the OMB, the Oklahoma City MSA comprises seven counties (Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Lincoln,

Logan, McClain, and Oklahoma counties), and the Tulsa MSA comprises seven counties (Creek, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Rogers, Tulsa, and Wagoner counties).<sup>2</sup>

Additionally, any of the regions may be combined with any combination of the other regions to produce a user-defined region for the purposes of measuring economic impact. For example, if an economic impact were to be quantified for Eastern Oklahoma, then the three regions of Northeast Oklahoma, Southeast Oklahoma and the Tulsa metro area would be combined to be reported as Eastern Oklahoma.

This report delineates the economic impact of Oklahoma National Guard's Army Readiness Center in Southeast Oklahoma (see map below).

