

Candidate for Commissioner of Labor

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Question #1: List your academic and professional credentials, specific accomplishments and volunteer activities. State why you are running and what qualifies you for this office. (100 words total)

BA from the University of Kansas. I founded AMCAT (American Computer' & telephone) in 1991. I serve as Chairman of USA Digital, a telecommunications company licensed in 40 states that I founded in 1997. Habitat for Humanity has been a long time favorite where I have spent numerous hours. I am running for Labor Commissioner because I believe in Oklahoma. I want to create a job friendly business environment for all our children. I support workers' compensation reform, immigration reform and transparency in government. I have over twenty-five years of business experience in forming businesses and creating jobs.

Question #2: What do you see as the most important issues facing your office and staff? (200 words or less)

I believe that bureaucratic overhead is a major problem due to waste and duplication. I proposed to merge the Department of Labor, Department of Mines, Construction Industries Board and Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission into one agency, which I propose to be called The Oklahoma Department of Employment and Safety which can provide greater service to the citizens of Oklahoma. Please visit my website at www.markcostelloforlabor.com to read my "12 Reform Proposals".