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KEDA Legislative Agenda

About Us

The Kansas Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) is an association of economic development professionals from across the state who represent rural and urban communities. With more than 150 members, KEDA represents about 100 entities including cities, counties, regional economic development groups and industry partners. The local organizations combine to represent more than 80% of the state's population. Every day, KEDA members work in their communities to improve the state's economic future.

Scan the QR Code for an overview of KEDA advocacy resources and standing positions.



Our 2025 Priorities

Economic development consists of growing existing businesses, recruiting new businesses and supporting the formation of businesses in the State of Kansas. KEDA members believe that successful economic development efforts include working together with legislators, organizations and businesses to help shape the economic future of Kansas. The following are the legislative priorities outlined by the members of KEDA.

Ensure Competitive Economic Development Tools and Strategies



Support funding for current economic development incentives so there is security and consistency in state policy as well as development of new programs and tools to attract and retain business in the state. Specifically support:

- Creation of an incentive program geared towards companies that integrate innovation and technology into their primary sector industry
- Efforts to enhance and strengthen the STAR Bonds program so both urban and rural communities can utilize the program
- Refining existing economic development tools to meet desired outcomes while retaining local oversight of the programs so individual communities' needs are met
- Implementation of Framework for Growth strategic plan for the State of Kansas
- Development of a state program to complement the powerful federal New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program

Promote Workforce Development



Support workforce development programs and initiatives to attract, retain and develop workers in the State of Kansas. Specifically support:

- Recognition and expansion of apprenticeship programs
- Childcare programs and policies that expand access to childcare
- Housing incentives in both rural and urban communities
- Programs that incent remote workers in Kansas
- Retention of Kansas students and workers as well as the attraction of new Kansans from surrounding states
- Attracting and retaining transitional military personnel to remain in Kansas post service
- State implementation of a workforce pathway data system to assist with career and economic development
- Scholarship programs that incent high school graduates to attend Kansas post-secondary education institutions

Invest in Quality Infrastructure



Support a well-maintained infrastructure for both urban and rural Kansas. Specifically support:

- Full funding of the Eisenhower Transportation Program
- Broadband investment in urban, rural and underserved areas of the state