

**REAP Economic Development Committee 2008 Work Plan**

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***Economic Development Committee Work***

- Perform duties as Chief Elected Officials Board under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.
- Monitor progress of economic development initiatives, specifically:
  - State action on technical education and workforce issues in terms of assuring local control.
  - Local and regional initiatives in workforce development and technical training in manufacturing.
  - Development of the new Kansas transportation plan.
  - Local and regional initiatives for development of renewable energy.
  - State action on carbon emissions and energy regulations.
  - Local and regional initiatives for enhancement of recreational opportunities.
- Monitor the Kansas Bioscience Authority and KansasBio and explore opportunities for expanding bioscience industries in South Central Kansas.
- Sponsor regional economic leadership summit and assure that a comparative analysis of the regional economy is updated and shared broadly with organizations concerned with economic development in the region.
- Identify and support regional economic development projects that qualify for state funding assistance.
- Identify opportunities for the region to take advantage of its geographic location and natural resources to enhance economic development and improve the quality of life in South Central Kansas.
- Develop and implement coordination among local government, state government, businesses and other economic development groups in South Central Kansas.