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## **REAP Economic Development Committee 2010 Work Plan**

Adopted December 14, 2009

### ***Executive Committee Work***

- Perform duties as Chief Elected Officials Board under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.
- Monitor progress of economic development initiatives, specifically:
  - Continued funding of Kansas Affordable Airfares Program.
  - State action on technical education and workforce issues in terms of assuring local control.
  - Local and regional initiatives to encourage growth and address the demands of future industry requests and skills in emerging markets.
  - Local and regional initiatives in workforce development and technical training in manufacturing.
  - Development of the new Kansas transportation plan.
  - State, local and regional initiatives for development of renewable energy.
  - The creation of a State Economic Development fund for rapid action.
- Monitor the Kansas Bioscience Authority and KansasBio and explore opportunities for expanding bioscience industries in South Central Kansas.
- Determine the need to sponsor a regional economic leadership summit.
- Assure that a comparative analysis of the regional economy is updated and determine a method to disseminate the results of the analysis broadly with organizations concerned with economic development in the region.
- Based on the analysis of the regional economy, identify the strengths and weaknesses and recommend action to address them.
- 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.