

REAPing Benefits

A common voice on issues that impact the economy in south central Kansas, and to give local governments an organized forum to identify priorities and take joint actions whenever possible

Currently, 30 members across 10 counties (membership list attached)

Coordinated outreach to South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation

Regionalism is important because it has been proven to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments. More efficient government helps keep taxes and fees lower

REAP serves as a bridge between the levels and units of government

Local governments are consistently facing and addressing issues that do not respect traditional political boundaries, but have a significant impact on economic well-being and policy decisions of their individual jurisdictions:

- ***Job growth, workforce development and business expansion***
- ***Transportation infrastructure – Passenger Rail, Commercial & General Aviation***
- ***Natural resources, drinking water, waste water treatment, flooding, parks/ greenspace***
- ***Behavioral health and access to affordable medical care***

Not designed to solve all “turf” issues between local governments, but to work collaboratively on issues that have a clear common interest

- ***Regional infrastructure priorities, including passenger rail, water protection and energy resources***
- ***Access to health care and behavioral health services***
- ***Skills training, workforce development and economic development***

Direct engagement with SCKS legislative delegation, helping to coordinate weekly and annual meetings, public forums and partnership with Regional Chambers of Commerce.

Partnership with Ford Motor Company. REAP has obtained a Fleet Identification Number (FIN) which gives our members this special pricing based on the cumulative buying power of the eleven-county region of REAP. REAP members may use the REAP FIN code at any Ford dealership to receive special pricing.

Coordinating with multiple regional partners through Partners for Regional Collaboration (PRC) working group to enhance communication about how these organizations are helping to grow the regional economy

Economies are built on regions, not individual cities, counties or states

The bottom line is “regionalism” needs a home and a commitment from members to provide resources, can’t be done effectively on a volunteer basis





Current REAP Members

- Andover
- Arkansas City
- Augusta
- Bel Aire
- Bentley
- Cheney
- Clearwater
- Derby
- El Dorado
- Garden Plain
- Goddard
- Harper
- Hesston
- Hutchinson
- Kechi
- Lindsborg
- McPherson
- Maize
- Moundridge
- Mount Hope
- Newton
- North Newton
- Park City
- Pratt
- Rose Hill
- Valley Center

- Wellington
- Wichita
- Harvey County
- Sedgwick County

Associate Members

- Ascension Via Christi
- Evergy
- Greater Wichita Partnership
- Sedgwick County Association of Cities
- K-96 Corridor Association, Inc.
- Kansas Global Trade Services
- MKEC
- Rusty Eck Auto Dealerships
- Sumner County Economic Development
- Transferred Capital, LLC
- Transystems
- Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Mrs. Carol Voran
- Mr. John Waltner
- Mr. Dave Unruh
- Bob Myers

KEY ECONOMIC DRIVERS

The members of REAP focus on issues of common concern that drive the regional economy including transportation, water, energy and workforce development.

WORKFORCE IN THE REGION

 **40%**
of manufacturing employment
in Kansas employing
65,000

127,275
 directly/
indirectly
employed in
healthcare

McConnell Air Force Base
economic impact of
\$596.1 million 
17,744 directly/
indirectly employed

 **EXPORTS**
10 County South Central
Kansas Region showed a
total of **\$7.21 billion**
in Exports.
\$28.6 million
new Exports since
2017

REAP

**Regional Economic
Area Partnership**

ENERGY 
The REAP region hosts **2**
of the **3** Kansas oil
refineries, a large wind
generator assembly plant
and **4** REAP counties
contain wind farms.

EDUCATION

Six State-supported post-
secondary institutions serving
50,704 students as of 
Fall 2018

Research and development at
the National Institute for
Aviation Research (NIAR) at
Wichita State University

Medical education and training at the Kansas University School
of Medicine - Wichita

TRANSPORTATION

 Assets in the Region:
I-35 Corridor
Passenger Rail Service
Eisenhower National Airport –
largest airport in state of Kansas

WATER

2 Ground Management Districts
(GMD's): Equus Beds Aquifer and 
Big Bend Aquifer
Supplying water to **20%** of the KS population
3 Major Reservoirs:
Cheney, El Dorado and Marion