



## REAP 2026 Work Plan

### REAP Call to Action

- Embrace Regional Collaboration
- Invest in Long-Term Planning
- Lead with Innovation

### 2026 REAP Work Plan Goals

- Focus on opportunities for joint actions of local governments, encouraging regional collaboration around areas of high-interest, high-impact.
- Member meetings focusing on high-interest topics, including Healthcare, Transportation, Housing, Aviation, and Workforce.
- Recruitment of new members, including cities and counties, businesses/industries that partner with local governments; education partners, including colleges and school districts, with a focus on high-impact collaboration opportunities.
  - Goal: 10 new members across the three sectors: local governments, business/industry, and education
- Develop a new Membership Fee Scale for all members beginning in 2027.
- Set an organizational goal of 25 high school internships in local governments.
- Set an organizational goal of 5 military SkillBridge internships in local governments.

### Action Steps:

- Provide members with customized regional, county, and city economic data reports.
- Provide opportunities to learn and network around the topics of innovation in workforce development through “Lunch and Learn” opportunities with the South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation.
- Provide guidance, planning, and facilitation for local or regional “Talent Talks” as a member benefit.
- Host topic-related REAP Membership Meetings, focused on areas of high interest to regional stakeholders.
- Provide weekly updates to members, highlighting opportunities, events, and resources, including updates during the Legislative Session.
- Provide a workshop opportunity and toolkit for developing internships in local governments.
- Provide resources to member Mayors for the development of a “congratulations” letter to graduating high school seniors.
  - Include employment data, engagement opportunities, and “inviting them back”
- REAP Executive Committee Meetings to provide planning and oversight to the organization.
- Encourage member participation in regional planned events for networking and collaboration with regional partners, focusing on key topics and high-interest regional issues