

**Kent Heermann**  
**Regional Development Association**  
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Kent Heermann became President of the Regional Development Association of East Central Kansas (RDA) in February of 1994.

Born in Fargo, North Dakota, he received his primary education in College Park, Maryland and Ithaca, New York. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree and Masters of Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska.

Prior to locating in Emporia, Kansas he worked for the City of Aurora, Nebraska as the Clerk Treasurer, and the Executive Vice President for the York Area Chamber of Commerce.

The primary function of the RDA is to be the lead industrial development organization for Emporia and Lyon County. We assist and persuade existing and new industrial businesses to locate their expansion in our area.

Mr. Heermann has served on numerous state and regional professional organizations. Some of those organizations are Kansas Economic Development Alliance, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Technical Advisory Committee for the update of Kansas Strategic Economic Development plan, the Southern Economic Development Council.