

Mr. Tim Arbeiter - Biography

Tim Arbeiter joined the Missouri Department of Economic Development as the state's new Director of Broadband Development in July, 2018. The Department of Economic Development created this position to address Missouri's broadband needs, work collaboratively with all public and private partners to achieve common goals, and establish new concepts for the deployment of high-speed internet, desperately needed in the state's rural economies.

Mr. Arbeiter served as President of the Lee's Summit Chamber from 2016-2018. The Lee's Summit Chamber serves a vast area of eastern Jackson County with over 1,000 members. The organization is active in many regional initiatives, with emphasis on infrastructure, business climate, workforce development, and entrepreneurship. The Chamber was also the lead entity to execute community marketing and tourism strategies for the City of Lee's Summit.

Before his time in Lee's Summit, Mr. Arbeiter was the Vice President of Community Development for the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce for ten years and immediately prior to that, served as the Executive Director of Old Town Cape (Cape Girardeau's Main Street Organization). During his tenure in Cape Girardeau, Mr. Arbeiter facilitated and led many projects utilizing a myriad of different local, state and federal programs. Mr. Arbeiter began his career in higher education serving in the divisions of student affairs for Michigan State University and Southeast Missouri State University.

Mr. Arbeiter is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD), a professional certification from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and was re-certified in January 2017. He holds the Institute of Organization Management (IOM) designation from the US Chamber of Commerce, attained in 2010. Mr. Arbeiter attained his Masters of Arts in Guidance and Counseling (2000) and a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration (1997) from Southeast Missouri State University. He resides in Lee's Summit with his wife Pam, an orientation and mobility specialist for the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired in Kansas City, and two daughters Abigail (15) and Faith (12).