

Ryan has served the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Business and Development Corporation in several roles over the last 15 years, most recently as senior vice-president of economic development.



His primary responsibilities include leading the Chamber's economic development program and primary staff support to the SBDC board of directors. In his current role he oversees the marketing, project management, business retention, and workforce development aspects of Springfield's economic development efforts.

In his time with the Springfield Chamber he has served as the project leader for a number of manufacturing and logistics expansions as well as the new Expedia operations center which created 500 new jobs for the Springfield region.

Ryan has also developed a number of award winning marketing pieces and played a role in the development and implementation of two successful 5-year capital campaigns and leads the fundraising of the \$900,000 annual SBDC budget. Ryan is also active in the revitalization of downtown Springfield and is an avid outdoor enthusiast.

Presented with the 2006 "Economic Developer of the Year" award by the Missouri Economic Development Council

Honored as a "40 Under 40" by the Springfield Business Journal in 2011

Presented with the "President's Award" by the Missouri Economic Development Council in 2010 and 2012

Designated a Certified Economic and Community Developer (CEcD) by the International Economic Development Council, 2006

Cum Laude graduate of Missouri State University with a BS in Geography and Community Planning, 1999

Graduate of the Economic Development Institute of the University of Oklahoma, 2003

Graduate of Leadership Missouri, 2008

Board Service

President, Missouri Economic Development Council board of directors, 2012-2013

President, Urban Districts Alliance board of directors, 2013-2014

Chair, American Chamber of Commerce Executives, Econ. Dev. Division, 2014-2015

President, Downtown Springfield Association board of directors, 2004-2005; Member, 2002-2006

Member, Missouri Economic Development Council board of directors, 2004-present

Member, Urban Districts Alliance board of directors, 2004- present

Member, Missouri Transportation Development Council board of directors, 2005-2008

Member, Missouri State Univ., Geography, Geology, and Planning Advisory Board, 2012

Member, Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority board of directors, 2007- 2009

Member, Ozarks Transportation Organization Technical Committee, 1999-2010

Member, Redeemer Lutheran Church board of directors, 2008-present