

## Dennis Lauver President/CEO, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce

Dennis is a native Kansan, born in Ottawa, Kansas. He previously served as President of the Chamber of Commerce in Clinton, Iowa, Sarpy County Nebraska and South Sioux City, Nebraska. Dennis began work in the late 1980s at the Sioux City (Iowa) Chamber of Commerce as the director of Community & Government Relations. He returned to Kansas in late 2006 to become President/CEO of the Salina Chamber. He is on the

Board of Directors of the Kansas Economic Developers Association and has previously served as chair of the government affairs division of American Chamber of Commerce Executives, the trade association of Chambers of Commerce. He has been a speaker and moderator at several of their national conventions.

In addition, Dennis is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Council, which works with the bank to encourage affordable housing in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma. In 2009, he was designated a "Certified Chamber Executive" (CCE). Today, just over 500 chamber officials in the world have the designation.

Dennis graduated from Morningside College in Sioux City, IA and has an MBA from Wayne State College, which is part of the Nebraska University system.