



Caleb D. Asher

As Deputy Secretary of Workforce Services for the Kansas Department of Commerce, Caleb Asher leads the state's workforce system in its efforts to provide workforce solutions to Kansas businesses and job seekers. With a strategic focus on the workforce needs of business and industry, Asher believes in approaching the workforce system as a team, partnering with other state agencies and organizations, state and local workforce investment boards, and postsecondary education and training.

Asher's collaborative approach has been credited to building a stronger workforce system. Kansas recently received national recognition by businesses and site consultants as a top three state for workforce services. His team has also successfully secured over \$26 million in additional funding to better support the needs of key businesses and industry throughout the state.

Prior to becoming Deputy Secretary, Asher served as the Senior Director of Operations and Marketing at Commerce. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the agency, he was responsible for promoting the state as a great place to live, work and play. Asher was also involved in branding the state's workforce system – **KANSASWORKS**.

He began his career in state government nearly twelve years ago at the Kansas Department of Labor and went on to work at Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Kansas Department of Administration prior to joining the Commerce team.