

CLYDE R. MCQUEEN

President and Chief Executive Officer

Clyde R. McQueen serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Midwest region's premier job training and placement enterprise, the Full Employment Council (FEC) Missouri Career Center. Since 1987, FEC has been the planning and operations entity for two Workforce Investment Boards, serving five counties and the City of Kansas City, Missouri. He directs a staff of 100+ employees and administers an \$18 million budget for job training, education and economic development activities.

FEC provides staff support to two Workforce Investment Boards and three Advisory Boards to aid in the design and implementation of the employment programs. FEC directs program activities for rural, urban and suburban populations and has been featured in national and local publications for its program effectiveness and innovation.

As Division Director of Training and Employment Development for the Texas Department of Community Affairs, Clyde organized the division into departments consisting of special project planning, program management, program compliance, program assistance, information services and administration. He maintained the prime responsibility for a \$160 Million budget, which funded units of government, business organizations and communitybased groups for job training and economic development activities. His oversight responsibility included working with an Advisory Board and Legislative Oversight Committee. He served as Chairman of the Technical Review Committee for Economic Development. He also served as a member of the State Rapid Response Team which identified state strategies to assist urban and rural areas experiencing economic dislocation.

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As Director of Program Planning and Economic Development for the Texas Department of Community Affairs, Clyde was responsible for designing and implementing economic development programs. He developed the program design and application procedure for the state's Economic Development Grant Program which, through a Community Development Block Grant, awarded \$10 million in grants and was the first program of its type in the state.

Clyde served as Administrator of Technical Programs for the Texas Economic Development Commission where he worked with communities and various groups to develop strategies for attracting business and industry into specific regions of the state. He also assisted communities, counties and other units of government to develop economic and business development programs.

Clyde holds a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Speech Communications and Political Science from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. He completed the Top State Manager's Executive Education Program at Duke University. He currently serves as a Board Member for Research Medical Center, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City and United Services Community Action Agency. He is a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Workforce Development Council. He was appointed to the Missouri Automobile Task Force by Governor Jay Nixon. In July 2009, he testified before the Senate Health Committee about FEC's programs. He has served on the Missouri Community Service Commission and as President of the National Association of Counties Training and Employment Professionals. Clyde has received numerous awards and recognitions including "Professional of the Year" by the Missouri Association of Workforce Development, "Local Hero" and "100 Most Influential Kansas Citizens" by Ingram's Magazine, "Job Training Professional for the Year" by the National Alliance of Business, "Distinguished Service Award" by the Texas Association of SDA Administrators and "Top State Manager" by the State of Texas.