



2022 Kansas Economic Policy Conference



Jade Piros de Carvalho **Director** **Office of Broadband Development**

Jade Piros de Carvalho was appointed Director of Broadband Development for the state of Kansas in June 2022. In her role, she works towards the agency's mission to bring universal, affordable broadband access to all Kansans. Prior to joining the state, Piros de Carvalho spent seven years with rural broadband provider IdeaTek, where she managed government and public affairs, including advocacy efforts for broadband expansion policy. She also spearheaded digital equity efforts for the company.

Additionally, Piros de Carvalho has been in local government as an elected official for 9.5 years. She is currently serving a third term as mayor for the city of Hutchinson, KS. Passionate about community service, Piros de Carvalho is the recipient of multiple public service awards for her volunteer work with civic and nonprofit organizations.

Piros de Carvalho holds a Bachelor of Arts from Wichita State University and a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Missouri, Columbia.