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Scott Smathers serves as the Vice President of Workforce Development for the Kansas Board of Regents and provides executive leadership for the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority. In this role, he is the state leader for issues involving the postsecondary education and training system in the development of an educated workforce that aligns with the needs of the Kansas economy. His scope of responsibility includes developing a policy agenda for postsecondary technical education, curriculum and program evaluation, system funding, benchmarks and accountability, management of federal initiatives, GED testing and administration and serving as the Kansas State Director for both the Carl D. Perkins program and Adult Education program.

Prior to serving in his current role, Mr. Smathers worked as an economic developer and as a retail consultant, helping to build companies with their location and operational decisions around the world.