



HARRY SCHMIDT

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Opportunity Builder

Harry Schmidt believes what he does matters. “To me, economic development means working to make a better life for people. By attracting and developing new employment opportunities, we raise the standard of living in our communities and create better opportunities for current and future generations.”

Harry Schmidt is a regional development specialist with TVA Economic Development and serves 13 counties in the middle Kentucky area.

Harry’s current responsibilities include assisting prospective and existing businesses and industries; facilitating financial, technical and other business development resources; helping communities prepare for economic growth opportunities; implementing community and retail development programs; and building strong business working relationships with regional, state and local community economic development leaders.

Prior to working with TVA, Harry was the deputy director of the Jackson County, Mississippi, Economic Development Foundation, where he handled site development, industrial marketing and recruiting, and worked with utility partners and state and local governments. Harry previously served as director of community and economic development for the city of Pascagoula where he managed retail and small business development, grants, and redevelopment efforts.

Harry also coordinated the development of a retail small business incubator that received 2012 SEDC and Mississippi Economic Development Council Community and Economic Development awards.

Harry is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and has a bachelor’s degree from Georgetown University. He is a native of Biloxi, Mississippi, and currently lives in Bowling Green, Kentucky, with his wife Jennifer and children Ainsley and Hudson.

Economic Development Team Achievements

Site Selection Named TVA One of Top Utilities for ED Nine Years in a Row

Nashville Business Journal Named TVA ED One of Nashville’s Best Places to Work

Personal Achievements

Schmidt is an IEDC Certified Economic Developer, licensed attorney, and was featured in the Journal of Mississippi Business Top 40 Under 40 Business Leader.

Five Fast Facts

1. Avid college sports fan
2. Studied abroad in Australia
3. Triathlon finisher
4. College sailor
5. Enjoys traveling and exploring new places