

**Wayne Bell
District Director
U.S. Small Business
Administration
Wichita District
Office**

Wayne Bell became the District Director for the Wichita Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) October 27, 2008.



His professional background includes over 20 years of management experience in both the public and private sectors, combined with a thorough understanding of the small business environment in KS. Prior to SBA, Bell served as Administrative Officer for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the US Department of Homeland Security at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. With TSA, his responsibilities included managing human resources, customer service, stakeholder relations, finance, purchasing, and IT contract services for Kansas.

Before federal employment, Bell held management positions at Raytheon Aircraft Company, Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, and with private manufacturing firms in Hutchinson, Kansas. He also gained experience with small business as an original owner of WD Enterprise, a Wichita-based service firm. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Bell attended Wichita State University (WSU) and earned both an Executive MBA and Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology. While an undergraduate, he participated in "Shocker Athletics" as a member of the WSU football team.

His community service affiliations include Consumer Credit Counseling, Wichita Federal Executives Association, Wichita Children's Home, Wichita State Alumni Association, Kappa Alpha Psi, W.G. Williams Community Scholarship Foundation, and Community Development Financial Resources. He also served as the 2009 Chair for the Combined Federal Campaign of South Central Kansas, and a member of the Leadership Kansas Class of 2009.

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Black History Month Advocacy Days at the Capitol

African American Kansans and Workforce Development Wednesday, February 10, 2010 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon 142 South Capitol

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Donna Wright
Vice President
Mid-America
Minority Business
Development Council
Wichita Office



Donna Wright is the Vice President of the MidAmerica Minority Business Development Council located in Wichita, KS. Wright is responsible for managing the overall operational and financial management of the Wichita office. Her duties include corporate recruitment, certification of Minority Business Enterprises, development and implementation of programs and services that assist in the overall development of private and governmental clients as it relates to inclusion of minority vendors.

Prior to joining the MidAmerica Minority Business Development Council in May 2006, Wright was sole proprietor of Wright Way Consulting, Inc. which focused on business and educational development for small business owners.

Prior to her entrepreneurial efforts, Donna spent over 15 years with The Boeing Company-Wichita Division utilizing her skills in General Services, Management Controlled Systems Auditing, Supply Chain Management, Supplier Development and was the Supplier Diversity Specialist responsible for managing and developing the division's supplier diversity program. This program included creating a mentoring program for Women and Minority Business Enterprises.

Wright is a member of the Board of Directors for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the American Red Cross, the Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, and a member of the Composite Kansas WIRED Grant Leadership Team. Ms. Wright is a member of The Links, Incorporated.

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Lazone Grays, Jr.
President/CEO
IBSA, Inc.



Lazone Grays, Jr., is the President/CEO of the IBSA, Inc., an economic and community development organization based in Topeka.

In his executive leadership role, Mr. Grays has been responsible for initiating new economic and business opportunities for African American and minority entrepreneurs while building the agency's organizational and social service delivery structure. By providing services with value-added benefits to clients, partners and sponsors, he has been able to foster increased effectiveness for constituents and efficiency of IBSA activities. Over the years Mr. Grays has been involved with several local community advisory boards and has participated in numerous panels or providing testimony to legislative bodies.

Lazone is an accomplished business leader with strong local government experience, extensive grassroots experience, a professional background, proven record in managing social service programs and a cultivated entrepreneur. He received his Paralegal degree from Washburn University in 1992 and has received certification from the Kauffman Foundation as a First Step FastTrac Administrator/Facilitator/Business Counselor in 2006 and is former Who's Who of American Business Executives, Community Corrections Advisory Board Member, and Chairman of the Board member for IBSA, Inc.

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