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**Education:**

- Eastern Illinois University
  - B.A. Political Science
  - M.A. Political Science
- University of Oklahoma, Economic Development Institute
- Bradley University
  - International Business Certificate

**Civic & Community Involvement:**

- Member – International Economic Development Association
- Adult leader – Boy Scouts of America, Troop 975
- Member – St. Charles County 2015 Strategic Plan, Economic Development Section
- Chairman – St. Charles County 2020 Strategic Plan

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**D**avid Leezer joined St. Louis County Economic Council (SLCEC) in 2006 to spearhead County Executive Charlie Dooley's Economic Development Collaborative. Under Leezer's direction, the Collaborative oversees cooperative ventures among county and municipalities with the goal of making St. Louis County more competitive in economic development.

Leezer, a certified economic developer (CEcD), has accrued a number of projects and successes in his tenure with SLCEC:

- One of his first efforts was developing a plan for a metropolitan-wide wireless and broadband Wi-Fi strategy.
- His division currently is creating a program to help local communities retrofit post World War II housing stock to meet the needs of today's buyers.
- Leezer developed SLCEC's first electronic newsletter, which reaches more than 2,000 communities, development allies, site locators, corporate executives, and key decision makers worldwide.

Prior to joining SLCEC, Leezer served as director of economic development for St. Charles County, Missouri creating more than \$2 billion in new investments over seven years. He also worked for Ameren (formerly Central Illinois Public Service) in economic development, helping communities improve their marketing and business development efforts. Leezer's other work experience includes director of administration for a small Illinois municipality and economic developer for a four-county planning agency.

St. Louis County Economic Council serves as the county's economic development agency, driving growth and prosperity in the most economically important county in Missouri. As the only economic development agency in the state to hold the esteemed Accredited Economic Development Organization from the International Economic Development Council, it provides a broad range of services through its six divisions: business development, business finance, economic development collaborative, real estate and community development, St. Louis Enterprise Centers, and World Trade Center Saint Louis.

