

INK Offers Assistance to Local Government Leaders

By: Information Network of Kansas

The Information Network of Kansas was statutorily created in 1992 to assist state and local government agencies to collect, analyze, and disseminate data/information. INK was the first such organization created in the U.S. and is a model other states have followed.

Our mission is to enhance public access to government data and information. We want to enable people to have access to government information and services where and when they are needed.

In September 2023, INK hired a new Executive Director, Murray McGee. Murray is a Certified Public Manager with over 20 years' experience in local government. Most recently he served as the City Administrator in Moundridge, KS, and comes to INK with a collaborative "can do" attitude.

McGee recently conducted a statewide listening tour to educate people about the Information Network of Kansas and share ideas with local government and business leaders on services we offer. The conversations have already led to several new opportunities for us to collaborate.

INK provides a broad range of services and serves over half the Kansas Executive Branch agencies as well as over 400 local government entities. INK is the largest provider of payment processing to state and local government offices in Kansas.

INK has a broad range of capabilities that include transforming paper-based systems to online solutions, making government data more accessible to individuals and businesses, payment processing, as well as appointment scheduling, website development, and multi-agency collaborative projects.

Some examples of what we provide to Kansas agencies include:

- Online Marriage License Applications – Office of Judicial Administration
- Amber Alerts – Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- Scrap Metal Reporting System – Attorney General
- Website – Governor's Office
- Online Income Tax Filing – Kansas Department of Revenue
- Appointment Scheduling-Department of Motor Vehicles
- Annual Report Filing – Kansas Secretary of State
- Kansas Business One Stop – Multiple Agency Collaboration
- Licensing and permitting systems-Multiple Statewide Associations
- Utility and tax payment systems-Hundreds of city and county offices

INK Grants


INK also has a grant program to assist state and local governments acquire necessary software and hardware to develop program capabilities. For example, INK is funding a project with the Kansas Biological Survey to layer multi-agency and multi-format water data so that relationships may be observed for policy-making purposes.

INK is also currently funding the modernization of the state's Amber Alert system as well as the development and implementation of a Dept. of Revenue program that will permit 105 counties and the Dept. to analyze property assessment data - while permitting counties to retain control of their data and permitting members of the public to view selected data.

INK Offering Assistance

We encourage you to reach out regarding any aspirational goals, ideas, or challenges you may be facing. We have extensive experience with identifying and implementing solutions that help governmental agencies as well as the individuals and businesses they serve.

We are excited to discuss your ideas for creating new or enhancing existing services!

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