

## **KC Federal Executive Board director presents at November 2019 InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture**

Mr. Larry A. Hisle, the executive director of the Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board (FEB), spoke about the many programs of the Greater Kansas City FEB during the InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture conducted Nov. 26, 2019, in the Lewis and Clark Center's Arnold Conference Room.

Hisle briefly touched on the FEB's history before diving into its purpose and three mission areas: 1) emergency preparedness, security, and employee safety; 2) workforce development; and 3) strategic partnerships. Hisle also highlighted how the FEB's programs help the federal government reduce expenditures, avoiding \$2,276,814 in additional costs in 2018 alone.

According to Hisle, while all FEBs have the same general mission – to serve as a catalyst for communication, coordination and collaboration among federal offices in the metropolitan area in which the FEB is located – no two FEBs are alike. “Once you’ve seen one FEB, you’ve seen one FEB,” said Hisle.

For example, Hisle stated that Kansas City is “the new Ellis Island” and is a hub for immigration. Also, while the Smithsonian – keepers of America’s treasured history – is affectionately known as the Nation’s “attic,” Kansas City is the Nation’s “storage pod.” Kansas City is largest keeper of federal records outside of Washington, D.C.

During his presentation, Hisle also discussed the importance of recruiting new talent to the federal government. Hisle introduced the audience to FEB's Government to University (G2U) program, which aims to engage students and young adults in public service and introduce them to the wide range of careers available in the federal government. “Government has every job under the moon... and on the moon for that matter,” said Hisle.

Hisle has served as the executive director of the Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board since 2013. Hisle holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Thomas Edison State University. He has previously served as a program manager in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Hisle is very active in the community volunteering with youth sports teams and scouting activities as well as serving on the board of directors of the Sherwood Center for the Exceptional Child and on the advisory council of the KCK Area Technical School.

Hisle's presentation was the fourth lecture in the series for academic year 2020.

The InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series is co-hosted by the CGSC Foundation's Simons Center with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School (CGSS). The series is an extracurricular, interagency topic-focused series that is intended to help enrich the CGSS curriculum. Unless otherwise announced, the presentations are scheduled each month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Arnold Conference Room of the Lewis and Clark Center on Fort Leavenworth.

All lectures in the InterAgency Brown-Bag Lecture Series are free and open to the public. As the series moniker states, the lecture series is conducted in the traditional “brown-bag lunch” format. – Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunches into the conference room. Members of the public coming to the lectures from off-post will need to add extra time to check-in at the Fort Leavenworth visitor center. – For gate information, see the Fort Leavenworth homepage – <https://garrison.leavenworth.army.mil>.

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