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James is Economic Development Manager of Vectren South and is tasked with enhancing growth in the company's only electric territory. He is actively involved in many economic development boards throughout Southwest Indiana and strives to assist communities with project experience and extensive network of site selection consultants and companies.

Prior to joining Vectren, James was SVP for Madisonville/Hopkins County EDC in Kentucky. In this role, he facilitated expansions/locations and was instrumental in bringing KY FAME, an innovative workforce development program, to the entire West Kentucky region. By leveraging relationships, James built a coalition that included 32 companies, 11 counties, 7 EDOs, and 3 educational institutions.

Prior to Madisonville, he was a project manager with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development. James' experience included retention, expansion, consolidation, and new location endeavors across a broad spectrum of industry sectors. His managed projects represent nearly \$2 billion invested in the commonwealth, and thousands of jobs created and retained. Notable clients with successful growth projects include: Aisan, Aleris, Altria, Berry Global, Briggs & Stratton, Carhartt, Caterpillar, Conagra, Constellium, Delta Faucet, Domtar, Gerdau, Lubrizol, NHK Spring, RKW Group, Sekisui, Sonoco, Tri-Arrows Aluminum, UACJ, Vanderbilt Chemical, Wacker Chemical, and Westlake Chemical.

Outside of work, James enjoys biking, boating, camping, live music, reading, and scuba diving. James is a graduate of Murray State University and the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute. He is married and has two sons, 17 and 15.