

David Adkins

David Adkins, a former Kansas state senator, leads The Council of State Governments as its executive director and CEO.

The Council of State Governments is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization serving all three branches of state government. CSG is the only national organization serving all three branches of state government. CSG is a region-based forum that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy.

Prior to joining CSG, Adkins served as vice chancellor for External Affairs at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Adkins, a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law, was a Kansas state senator from 2001 to 2005 and served in the Kansas House from 1993 to 2001. He had also served as the founding executive director of the Community Foundation of Johnson County, an affiliate of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

While in the legislature, Adkins was an active CSG member serving on the executive committee of the national organization and as chair of the 11-state Midwestern Legislative Conference of CSG. He also is an alumnus of CSG's Toll Fellows Leadership program, Class of 1993.

His gubernatorial appointments in Kansas include chairman of the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education. He received the Kansas Bar Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award in 1996.

CSG affiliate organizations based in Lexington include the American Probation and Parole Assn.; the Emergency Management Accreditation Program; the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision; The National Association of State Chief Administrators; the National Association of State Facilities Administrators; the National Association of State Technology Directors; the National Association of State Treasurers; the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators; and the National Emergency Management Association.

Other organizations affiliated with CSG are the National Lieutenant Governors Association, which is based in Florence, Ky.; the National Association of Attorneys General; the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators; State International Development Organizations; and the National Association of Secretaries of State.