



**Kenneth Rogers**  
**Deputy County Executive for Oakland County**  
**Executive Director of Automation Alley**

Ken Rogers was named deputy county executive for Oakland County government in 1996. In this position, he is responsible for functioning as executive director of Automation Alley, Southeast Michigan's technology business association. In his role as executive director, Rogers oversees strategic planning and ongoing activities for Automation Alley's 1,000 members.

The executive director of Automation Alley is responsible for the overall management of the business. The executive director is responsible for policy, the development, approval and accomplishment of business goals, objectives, and all financial matters. The executive director works with the management team to accomplish Automation Alley objectives.

As executive director, Rogers reports to the Board of Directors. Members of the management team at Automation Alley report to the executive director.

Prior to his current position, Rogers was director of Oakland County's Community and Economic Development, where he was responsible for the planning and development division, the equalization department and the community development division. In addition, Rogers was one of the founders of Oakland County's Economic Development Corporation (EDC), served as a member of the governor's conference on small business and was president of the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce and served as a director of the North Oakland Board of Realtors. He is currently chairman of the board for Clarkston State Bank and was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to the state's Strategic Economic Investment Commercialization Board. He is also on the board of directors for the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center.

Rogers has also been actively involved in the community, having served as a member of the board of directors for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the United Way of Oakland County. In 1992, he received Oakland County's "Volunteer of the Year" award. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation honored Rogers in 2007 with the Michigan Diversification Celebration's Outstanding Diversification Achievement Award and in 2008 with the CEO Award of Excellence in Economic Development.

Rogers earned a bachelor of science in public administration and an honorary doctor of public service from Central Michigan University.

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**Editor's note:** Rogers resides in Clarkston, Michigan with his wife Jane and has four children.