

RONALD C. KYSIK

Ronald C. Kysiak is a consultant with Lupke Associates, economic/community development. He is the retired executive vice president and CEO of the Northwestern University/Evanston Research Park in Evanston, IL and retired executive director of Evanston Inventure, Inc., two related economic development entities created to sponsor large-scale, long term economic development programs and projects in Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Kysiak also served as executive director of Technopolis Evanston, a non-profit organization formed to create a knowledge-based economy in Evanston, primarily through use of a citywide broadband network.

Mr. Kysiak has been a Senior Consulting Associate of Eva Klein & Associates for many years. He also has served for several years as Senior Consultant for IDEA Partnerships, LLC, EKA’s related firm—a consulting and real estate development entity specializing in providing real estate and economic development services to science and technology parks throughout the US and Canada.

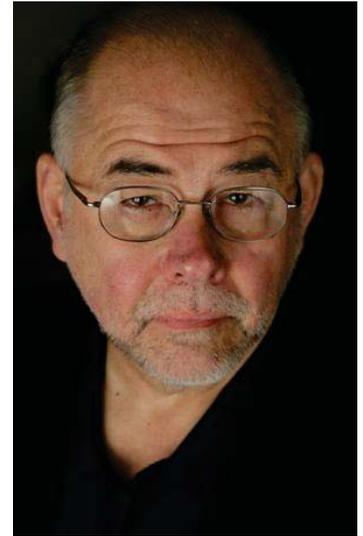
Northwestern University/Evanston Research Park, Inc. was a for-profit joint venture between the City of Evanston and Northwestern University to develop a 20-acre, downtown mixed-use research park. The Park achieved the development of six technology buildings containing 400,000 SF of technology space housing some 80 companies and 1,000 technology employees, until it was merged into a larger downtown project in the early 2000s. It featured two technology incubators and a locally raised seed capital fund, two projects led by Mr. Kysiak. The entire project is now complete with the recent addition of nearly \$200MM of private commercial development, including a cinema complex, high-rise condominium, 150,000 SF of retail, a Hilton hotel, a 1,400-space parking structure and a corporate headquarters office building.

Mr. Kysiak is nationally and internationally recognized as a leading expert in public-private partnerships involving municipal entities and universities in development of incubators, research parks, and technology development/seed capital programs. He served on the boards of directors of the Association of University Research Parks (AURP), the Chicago High Tech Association, the Council for Urban Economic Development (now IEDC), and NCI Research, a joint Northwestern/CUED research organization. He is a past president of both AURP and IEDC.

Before undertaking his responsibilities in Evanston, Mr. Kysiak served as deputy development administrator and director of economic development for the City of New Haven, CT. In that capacity Mr. Kysiak was involved directly in the initiation, planning, financing, and development of the 80-acre Yale Science Park at New Haven, a joint venture of the City of New Haven, Yale University, and the Olin Corporation. He also generated and managed the Technology Innovation Fund, a \$1M seed capital fund, and the New Haven Development Corporation, a leveraged business-lending corporation. Earlier, Mr. Kysiak served as Director of Economic Development for the City of Milwaukee, WI for six years during Mayor Henry Maier’s administration in the 1970s.

Mr. Kysiak has served as consultant on research parks, incubators, and technology-based economic development to numerous universities, medical centers, and units of local, regional and state governments including the and other institutions and government agencies throughout the country. Mr. Kysiak has also worked internationally on a number of consulting and advisory projects in Eastern and Central Europe, and in China.

He is a member of the Urban Land Institute and a frequent participant and invited speaker at numerous professional associations in the US and abroad, particularly in Eastern Europe.



Education

BA, Journalism
Marquette University

MA, Urban Affairs
University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee

Examples of Consulting Assignments with EKA or IDEA

Center for Emerging Technologies,
St. Louis
University of Pennsylvania and
University City Science Center
Oklahoma Technology and Research
Park, Stillwater, OK
Calgary Technologies Inc., Calgary,
Alberta, Canada
New Orleans Regional Planning
Commission

Examples of Other Consulting Assignments

Hershey Medical Center
Milwaukee County Research Park
The University of New Hampshire
Marquette University
City of South Bend, IN
State of Michigan Economic
Development Corporation
St. Louis Development Corporation

Distinguished Awards

Mr. Kysiak has been honored with Career/Lifetime Achievement Awards by both the Association of University Research Parks and the International Economic Development Council.