

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

Kevin T McNamara



Professor Kevin McNamara's career focused on rural development and regional economics, working with federal, state, and local government officials, development organizations, and industry groups, as well as other faculty, researching rural economic growth questions and evaluating development policy options.

His research interests in regional economics and economic impact analysis include: analysis of factors influencing manufacturing growth, impacts of infrastructure investment on regional economic growth, and linkages between agriculture and the nonagricultural economy. His research includes farmland price analysis, Indiana and regional growth trend analysis, food manufacturing industry growth analysis, and assessment of manufacturers' technical assistance needs.

Dr. McNamara was an advisor to the Afghan Ministry of Higher Education for capacity building in agriculture and veterinary science education. He resided in Afghanistan in 2005 coordinating programming for a \$4.2 million grant. Among the activities he completed were contracting for renovation of the agriculture and veterinary science buildings, establishment of linkages between Afghan and Indian universities for student and faculty training/exchange, development of a strategic planning process to guide redevelopment of agriculture and veterinary science higher education, creation of faculty and student English language training as a key education modernization program. Dr. McNamara continued to provide leadership to the Ministry of Higher Education's agriculture education efforts with USAID and USDA funding support.

Dr. Kevin McNamara joined the department in 1990. He received many awards and honors including a Hudson Institute Fellowship, the College of Agriculture Team Award, and the USDA Secretary's Honor Award for Exceptional Service.