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Richard Heupel is Director of Economic and Community Development for Building Better Communities at Ball State University. He has over 25 years experience leading economic development organizations.

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He graduated the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma in 1989 and earned a Certified Economic Developer designation the same year from the International Economic Development Council.

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