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**Kim Huston**

**Author**

***SMALL TOWN SEXY, the allure of living in small town America***

**And**

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Are Small Towns Sexy? Absolutely! Just ask Kim Huston, author of ***SMALL TOWN SEXY, the allure of living in small town America*** and she will enjoy telling you about her love affair with her not-so-big city lifestyle in her hometown of Bardstown, Kentucky, population 11,000. Kim has recently gained national recognition with ***SMALL TOWN SEXY***, which discusses the seductive charm and appeal that so many small towns have today and enjoys convincing anyone who will listen that indeed you can do big business in a small town.”

Kim writes from experience as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Nelson County Economic Development Agency in Bardstown, a community listed as one of the “100 Best Small Towns in America” one of the “50 Best Small Southern Towns” and is included in the book “1000 Places to See Before You Die.” As president of this agency, she oversees all the economic development activity in Nelson County including industrial development, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street and Tourism.

Kim is serving her second term on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED). She also serves as Chairman of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District Workforce Investment Board and is co-chairing, through this agency, the \$5 million WIRED Initiative which includes a 26-county region in Kentucky and Indiana. She also serves on Kentucky’s newly formed Kentucky Workforce Investment Board. In 2005, Kim was named KAED’s East Kentucky Power Economic Development Professional of the Year. Kim is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development.

Kim is passionate about small towns and hopes the book will change some perceptions that people have about life in small town America and make people realize that “you can live large in a small town.”

**Presentation:** Kim will talk about the reasoning behind her book, Small Town Sexy and its title, as well as share her thoughts about the allure of small towns and what it is that makes so many of these communities "sexy," sharing her believe that that bigger is not always better and that you can live large in a small town.