

**David Owen, President
SD Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Biographical Information**

David Owen grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota and is a University of South Dakota alumnus.

Owen began his chamber work as assistant manager with the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, went on to manage the local chamber in Pittsburgh, Kansas and then spent 11 years at the Missoula Chamber of Commerce in Montana. In October of 1992 he was selected as President of the Montana State Chamber, and in November of 1998 he became the President of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Owen serves as the lobbyist for the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry, is the Chamber's policy analyst and is the author of "*Capitol-ism*", the Chamber's legislative update.

He has wide-ranging political experience including an unsuccessful run for Mayor of Missoula. David has found more success with statewide ballot issues including leadership roles in four successful campaigns in Montana and three in South Dakota.