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KDOL Honors Wayne Dirks for Distinguished Accomplishments

TOPEKA, Kan. - The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) is proud to announce the winner of its March Employee Recognition and Award Program, Wayne Dirks, who was honored for Distinguished Accomplishments. The KDOL Award Program is designed to recognize individual efforts that epitomize excellence. The success as an agency depends on each and every employee providing premier service, working in a team environment, producing results with cost control in mind, creativity and innovation, while serving their community. KDOL rewards employees who embrace these ideals as their own, taking them to the highest personal level possible in job performance.

Dirks is being honored for his efforts in managing KDOL's implementation of the Treasury Offset Program (TOP). TOP allows states to collect delinquent debts through the offset of federal tax returns. Due in large part to Dirks efforts as Project Manager for the TOP implementation, KDOL is now utilizing the program to recover unemployment benefit payments that were obtained through fraud or misrepresentation. These funds are returned to the unemployment trust fund for the future benefit of Kansas workers.

Dirks' work in managing the TOP implementation for KDOL is a notable achievement that is significant in scope, impacts government operations and is a service to citizens. It is appropriate that he be recognized for his hard work, perseverance and dedication.

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The Kansas Department of Labor assists in the prevention of economic insecurity through unemployment insurance and workers compensation, by providing a fair and efficient venue to exercise employer and employee rights, and by helping employers promote a safe work environment for their employees. This facilitates compliance with labor laws while enabling advancement of the economic well-being of the citizens of Kansas.

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