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**KDOL Honors Ainka Kweli for Volunteerism**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** - The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) is proud to announce the winner of its September Employee Recognition and Award Program, **Ainka Kweli**, Unemployment Insurance Appeals Referee, who was honored for Volunteerism. The KDOL Award Program is designed to recognize individual efforts that epitomize excellence.

Kweli has demonstrated outstanding levels of service outside the normal work hours to organizations dedicated to service, charitable, humanitarian or philanthropic causes. She volunteers many hours to support the arts in the city of Topeka. Specifically, in the past year, she has volunteered more than 220 hours at Topeka Civic Theatre, both as a crew member and as part of the WCTC players. Her assistance helped produce timeless classics such as *It's a Wonderful Life*, bringing joy to sold out audiences and improving the quality of life in Topeka.

It is appropriate that Kweli be recognized for her outstanding volunteer contributions to the arts community in Topeka.

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*Photograph included*

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