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### **KDOL Honors Three Outstanding Employees**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) is proud to announce the recipients of its Employee Recognition and Award Program. Troy DeBusk, Teri Briel and Larry Herman were honored for their outstanding job performance. The KDOL Award program is designed to recognize individual's 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. KDOL rewards employees who embrace these ideals as their own, taking them to the highest personal level possible in job performance. The KDOL Employee Recognition is awarded bi-monthly.

Recognized for the Kansas Department of Labor's Distinguished Accomplishment Award of November/December is **Troy DeBusk**, UI tax auditor in Topeka. His nominator acknowledged that it is the duty of an auditor to set up accounts for employers that have been deemed liable for Kansas Unemployment Tax. There are instances when employers establish accounts that are fictitious in order to draw benefits. Troy has discovered two fictitious employers over the past year and did not allow for the account to be established, making Troy a great asset to the Audit and Investigations. He has been able to obtain payment or payment agreements on several older collection assignments amounting to thousands of dollars.

**Teri Briel**, UI tax auditor in Hays, was acknowledged as KDOL's Meritorious Service Award winner for November/December. Teri self-initiated an investigation on a new employer account, which was set up by an unknown party on the KDOL website. She began checking because the new employer had an identical name to an existing employer. Teri thoroughly researched the new account, discovering fictitious addresses and phone numbers for the business. She went above and beyond her normal duties and furthered her investigation by checking into the eight alleged employees on the wage report filed by the fictitious employer. The majority of the names listed on the wage report were found to be in custody of an out-of-state prison. Teri immediately reported her findings. Within two weeks, seven of the eight had fraudulently filed for unemployment benefits.

Accepting the January/February award for Meritorious Service is **Larry Herman**, Operations Technician in Facilities. Larry is called countless times a day to assist with repairs at all of KDOL's Topeka locations and moves throughout the state. He plays a part in all of the things

that those at the agency take for granted such as mowed grass, trimmed bushes, shoveled snow and providing ice free walk ways. Larry always brings with him a positive, can do attitude.

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