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**KDOL Honors Spurgin as Employee of the Month for Innovation**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** - The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) is proud to announce that Matt Spurgin, Appeals Referee, is the winner of the January Employee of the Month Award. The KDOL Employee Recognition and Award Program is designed to recognize an 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, 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.

Spurgin is an employee who is very engaged in KDOL's business processes and what we can do as an agency to make them better. On his own initiative he's willing to look at barriers to customer service and what can be done to overcome them.

Spurgin is a great model for all state employees and deserves the award of employee of the month for Innovation.

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*Photograph included*

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