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## **KDOL Works with McCownGordon to Create a Kansas Construction SHARP Pilot**

The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) Industrial Safety and Health division (ISH) recognized McCownGordon Construction, LLC today for going above and beyond promoting and implementing best practices that promote a positive work environment while maintaining a high level of commitment to safety and health of all employees.

Over the last few years KDOL – 21(d) Consultants have worked with McCownGordon on projects across the state. During this time, McCownGordon has demonstrated their commitment to the safety of workers and subcontractors providing the framework for addressing safety and health issues on all of their worksites. McCownGordon continues to be proactive and promotes a positive work environment while maintaining a high level of commitment to safety and health.

As KDOL began working on the Kansas Construction SHARP Pilot (KCSP) McCownGordon implemented all required procedures to submit an application to participate in the program once it has been approved by OSHA.

"I appreciate McCownGordon's willingness to work with KDOL on creating a Kansas Construction SHARP pilot program," said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor. "If approved, this will make Kansas one of the few states offering the SHARP construction program."

At the beginning of 2018, KDOL drafted a KCSP for construction and submitted it to the regional office for approval. Meanwhile, The Patterson Health Clinic was scheduled to begin construction in early March, 2018. The project was an ideal candidate for KCSP since the duration of the project was expected to last 18 months. The KCSP draft was submitted to the OSHA Regional office for approval and it is now being reviewed at the OSHA National office.

"McCownGordon has been a key partner in assisting KDOL with the development of the Kansas Construction Pilot Program," said Peter Brady, ISH Director. "Their commitment to the safety and health of their employees makes them stand out in their industry."

The OSHA Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) provides incentives and support to small, high-hazard employers to work with their employees to develop, implement and continuously improve the effectiveness of their workplace safety and health programs. Organizations with well-managed and effective safety and health programs require less government enforcement oversight. Companies who successfully complete the requirements for SHARP will receive a one-year exemption from OSHA's General Schedule Inspections.

Kansas has 171 SHARP sites, the highest in the US. For more information on the SHARP program go to <https://www.dol.ks.gov/Safety/SharpProgram.aspx>.

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