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**KDOL Honors Debra Meyer for Meritorious Service**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** - The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) is proud to announce the winner of its March Employee Recognition and Award Program, **Debra Meyer**, Program Specialist, UI Benefits Administration, who was honored for Meritorious Service. The KDOL Award Program is designed to recognize individual efforts that epitomize excellence. 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.

In late December 2018, the U.S. Government was placed on a furlough and many federal employees were able to file for unemployment benefits. In Kansas there were about 15,000 individuals affected by the furlough. Meyer's main job is working with federal agencies to obtain pertinent information regarding Kansas claims. She worked closely with each federal agency to ensure KDOL would receive the necessary information in a timely manner. During the 35-day furlough, Meyer was able to successfully process more than 575 federal unemployment claims. This total is greater than the number of federal claims processed in 2017 and 2018 combined. She also maintained a daily total of federal claims processed in anticipation of media requests for this information. Meyer's organizational skills, exceptional knowledge of the federal claims process and her positive attitude helped Kansans receive unemployment benefits as quickly as possible. She is definitely worthy of this award for Meritorious Service.

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