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KDOT to Host First-Time Construction Career Expo Day for Topeka Area Youth

On Tuesday, September 20, the Kansas Department of Transportation will host a first-time event, Construction Career Expo Day, for area youth at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka. The Construction Career Expo Day is a construction/transportation industry career day for middle and high school students in the Topeka area. Approximately 1,400 students are registered to attend this year's event which will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. next Tuesday.

Area middle and high school students will have access to over 30 exhibits by professionals in the design, construction, development and project management facets of the transportation industry. Construction career tracks students will learn about include engineering, architecture, contracting, and the skilled trades. In addition, there will be a career learning center for junior and senior high students that will help provide information, resources and interview opportunities for those who are interested in a career in the construction and transportation industry. According to Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Deb Miller, it's good for young people to start thinking now of careers in which they might have an interest.

“The exciting thing about working on the highway system is that you build things and not only do you build things that people use today, you build things for years to come,” pointed out Secretary Miller.

Participating schools include: Topeka USD #501 schools - Topeka High School; Topeka West High School; Highland Park High School; Capital City School; Hope Street Academy;

Robinson Middle School; Jardine Middle School; Landon Middle School; French Middle School; Eisenhower Middle School; and Chase Middle School; Washburn Institute of Technology (Topeka, Kansas); and Kickapoo Nation School (Powhattan, Kansas). Participating students will receive an event t-shirt, lunch and a day full of fun and educational learning on the construction industry.

For more questions or more information on this construction career expo day event, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340.

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