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Sam Brownback, Governor

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Dear Transportation Partner:

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is now accepting applications for the fiscal year 2015 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Set-Aside Program. Since its inception, the program has enabled state, county, and city governments to invest in and utilize ITS technologies to enhance roadway safety and improve the efficiency of the transportation system. KDOT is eager to renew these beneficial partnerships.

The ITS Set-Aside Program was created under KDOT's previous 10-year Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP), and since 2000 has invested \$24 million in ITS technologies across Kansas. Communities of all sizes have benefited from the program which has provided financial assistance for more than 100 projects. For example, in fiscal year 2013 KDOT partnered with Ellis County to purchase a solar-powered radar speed trailer. The City of Manhattan was able to purchase and install adaptive traffic signal coordination technology. The Mid-America Regional Council of Kansas City was able to provide network redundancy for operation green light for 700 intersections covering 22 cities in the Kansas City metro area, and closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras at intersections to allow response to traffic signal problems. The ITS Set-Aside Program has made it possible for cities, counties and metro areas statewide to improve their ability to provide real-time road information to the traveling public via dynamics message signs (DMS), flood warning systems, and CCTV cameras.

Funding for the state fiscal year 2015 ITS Set-Aside Program is being budgeted at \$4 million and will be provided under T-WORKS, a 10-year \$7.8 billion transportation program.

Please note that this is a competitive process, and partnerships (internal and external) that offer new and innovative approaches will be more competitive in the selection process.

If you have any questions or need more information about ITS, please use this link:

<http://www.ksdot.org/burtransplan/burovr/intrans.asp>. An application form with description of the project is attached. If you have any questions or need more information about the application process, please contact David Behzadpour at (785) 296-3387 or by email at ITS@ksdot.org.

Applications should also include information related to integration with current and/or future ITS projects. Additional points will be given to projects that use new and innovative technologies with the intent of saving lives, time and money.

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The ITS Steering Committee will score and rank projects based on the following criteria:

- Anticipated ITS benefits
- Likelihood to succeed
- Cost effectiveness
- Matching funds or KDOT Project
- Rural/Local impact

Once funding determinations are made, a KDOT project number will be assigned to each project approved for funding. A detailed schedule for this year's ITS Set-Aside Program application is provided below:

June 28, 2013	Project submissions due to the KDOT ITS Unit
July 10, 2013	Presentation
July 24, 2013	Project awards approved by ITS Set-Aside Committee
July 31, 2013	Letters of award sent. Meetings will then be set up with award recipients to discuss funding uses and responsibilities of recipients

Thank you for your interest in the KDOT's ITS Set-Aside Program. With your help, we will improve the safety and efficiency of our transportation system for all Kansans.

Sincerely,



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