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**Contractor hired for highway litter removal in  
portions of Johnson and Wyandotte counties**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has contracted with Interstate Business Solutions (IBS) of Indianapolis, Ind. for litter removal along 50 miles of major highway corridors in Johnson and Wyandotte counties to begin June 7.

Crews will work from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. The contract is for one year with an option to extend for three years. The contractor will spend the first two months concentrating on large debris on highway corridors identified by KDOT and from public input where roadside litter is prevalent. A routine schedule of right-of-way litter maintenance will follow, supplemented by KDOT maintenance crews, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers and the Sponsor-A-Highway partners.

IBS will initially focus litter clean-up efforts along I-435 in Johnson County and during the latter part of June will work U.S. 69 from I-35 to 151<sup>st</sup> Street and I-635 in Wyandotte County. In July, IBS plans to work along I-435 in Wyandotte County and I-35 in Johnson and Wyandotte counties.

Two large company pickup trucks outfitted with bright LED strobe lights and 12 foot and 18-foot trailers will move slowly along the shoulders of the highway loading full trash bags and large debris, such as couches, chairs, tires, etc. One truck will deploy utility vehicles to be used by two maintenance crews consisting of four to five people. Roadside safety signs will be posted every five miles to make drivers aware of the litter removal.

“Interstate Business Solutions is excited about our new partnership with KDOT,” said Matthew Murray, President of IBS. “Our experience as one of the nation’s largest continuous roadway debris and litter removal companies will help keep KDOT’s interstates and highways cleaner in the Kansas City area.

IBS was founded in 2017 and currently cleans over 2,000 miles of interstate in three states. The company hires individuals with employment challenges, including being formerly incarcerated and those experiencing homelessness and/or substance abuse. IBS provides life skills and mentorship to its employees, including setting up bank accounts, finding affordable housing and advancing to higher paying jobs.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.

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