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Govindaswamy named KDOT Chief of Alternative Delivery

Raja Govindaswamy has been selected as the Bureau Chief for the new Bureau of Alternative Delivery for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

He worked for the consulting company, WSP, for more than 40 years in various positions throughout the company. Govindaswamy is a licensed professional engineer in Kansas and Texas. After retiring, he traveled with his son, then decided to serve the people of Kansas.

Govindaswamy started in KDOT's Bureau of Structures and Geotechnical Services as a Senior Bridge Engineer. He and his team organized and condensed the 1,500-page bridge manual. He also is the project manager on the U.S. 54 east Kellogg project in Wichita and serves as KDOT Bridge Engineer for the U.S. 69 expressway project in Overland Park and K-96 in Wichita

"It's a dream come true for me – when you like what you do, it's not work anymore," Govindaswamy said. "KDOT people are very knowledgeable and dedicated. It's a joy to work with people who really know their stuff."

Govindaswamy will continue with those efforts as well as develop a system and template for screening projects to see which ones qualify for alternate delivery and then see those through the overall process.

"Typically, bigger projects can take seven to 10 years," he said. "Alternative delivery is a good tool to consider on projects that need to be done in a compressed timeframe."

Govindaswamy and his wife, Nandhini, have one son and live in Wichita. He is an avid mountain climber, photographer and amateur movie maker.

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