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## **KDOT, Department of Agriculture to celebrate deployment of innovative technologies along U.S. 83**

Kansas Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz and Agriculture Secretary Mike Beam will visit McCarty Family Farms near Rexford to bring attention to the Great Plains Rural Freight Technology Corridor project on a 100-mile stretch of U.S. 83. This project will improve safety and economic productivity on a key freight transport route in western Kansas.

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7

**WHERE:** McCarty Family Farms  
2231 Thomas County Road, Rexford  
(On U.S. 83 four miles north of U.S. 83/U.S. 24 junction)

**WHAT:** KDOT has been awarded a \$6.7M federal grant and will dedicate \$7.9M in state funds to install fiber-optic cable and advance technologies along U.S. 83 corridor from the southern Finney County line to the north Thomas County line. This technology provides real-time traffic, weather and operational information that will improve safety for travelers and optimize freight routing for commercial trucking.

**WHO:** Julie Lorenz, Kansas Secretary of Transportation  
Mike Beam, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture  
Ken McCarty, McCarty Family Farms

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