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## **Pontious retires from KDOT**

Gloria Pontious, Physical Test Supervisor in the Bureau of Construction and Materials/Materials Test Unit for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), is retiring on March 11 after 35 years of service to the state of Kansas.

Pontious began her career at KDOT's Marion Construction office. She also worked in Emporia and Lawrence KDOT offices for several years, then transferred to Topeka's Materials office for District One in 1989. She also worked at the Gage Construction office in Topeka, then went to the Materials and Research Lab in the Materials Test Unit where she was promoted in 2007 to her current position.

As the Physical Test Supervisor at the lab, she supervises several employees and assigns samples to be tested, tracks sample progress and ensures all testing is in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

After she retires, Pontious plans to spend time on hobbies such as woodworking, etching mirrors and making barbecue sauce as well as spending time with family, friends and pets. She resides in Topeka.

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