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Hepp retires from KDOT

Debra Hepp, Program Consultant in the Office of Contract Compliance at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), is retiring on Jan. 1 after 26 years of service to the state of Kansas.

Hepp began at the Topeka State Hospital in 1991 and served as Volunteer Services Coordinator until the hospital closed in 1997. She then came to KDOT's Office of Civil Rights (which was later renamed the Office of Contract Compliance) and has served there for the past 19 years.

Hepp administered the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and On-the-Job Support Service programs. She also worked with the DBE program for Federal Highway Administration projects. In addition, she worked with local public agencies to ensure non-discrimination in programs and policies.

In 2008, Hepp was named the Kansas Minority Advocate of the Year by the Kansas Department of Commerce. She became a KU Certified Public Manager in 2008 as well.

Hepp has four stepchildren and plans to travel during her retirement.

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