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Reed named KDOT Director of Engineering and Design

Calvin Reed has been promoted to Director of Engineering and Design at the Kansas Department of Transportation. His first day in this new position was yesterday, Aug. 3

Reed received a bachelor's and master's degree at Kansas State University, then started in KDOT's bridge design unit in 2002 where he worked until 2015. After nearly four years at Professional Engineering Consultants, he returned to KDOT in August 2019 as the Bureau Chief of Structures and Geotechnical Services.

"Calvin brings a strong technical background as well as experience in the private sector to this position. I am confident he will be able to use those past experiences as a foundation to lead the engineering division in delivering the IKE program," said State Transportation Engineer Burt Morey.

"I came back to KDOT because I loved the challenges, the problem solving and the people," he said. "It's a great place to work."

Reed has several short-term goals – to make sure projects are delivered as part of the new IKE transportation program, to get the Program Management Consultant process up and running and to provide training for staff members.

"It's vital to prepare KDOT for the long term and provide that vision of what KDOT is going to look like 10 years from now," Reed said.

Adjusting to different work environments because of COVID-19, especially for new employees, is another concern.

"It's going to be a challenge to train new staff out of college and we also want to provide mentor relationships for engineers," he said. "It's important to make sure everyone has the tools they need to do their job efficiently and effectively."

Reed and his wife, Gretchen, live in rural Lecompton with their four children, ages 8 to 14, "so I stay busy," he said.

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