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KDOT announces call for projects for Rail Service Improvement Program

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Transportation is announcing a call for projects to be submitted to the state's Rail Service Improvement Program. An estimated $10 million in funding is available to award projects that enhance safety, promote economic efficiency and sustainability to the state's rail network.

Projects for this program are now being accepted – the deadline for submissions is Sept. 1. Awarded projects are expected to be announced in spring of 2024. Applicants are required to provide a 30% match of total project cost. There are no minimum or maximum project award amounts. The application process will be conducted via Microsoft Forms and can be accessed through KDOT’s website - https://www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/burRail/rail/default.asp.

Qualified entities include any Surface Transportation board certified Class II or Class III railroad, a port authority established in accordance with Kansas laws, any entity meeting the rules and regulations established by K.S.A. 75-5050 or any owner or lessee industry track located on or adjacent to a Class II or Class III railroad in the state of Kansas.

For more information on program details, contact Michael Espinoza, Freight and Rail Program Manager, at (785) 296-3228 or Michael.Espinoza@ks.gov

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