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## Governor Kelly Announces \$32M Award to KDOT for Modernizing Construction Materials

**TOPEKA** – Governor Laura Kelly announced Wednesday that the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is receiving nearly \$32 million to support using low-carbon construction materials in federally aided projects.

The Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program aims to modernize project practices and support the adoption of advanced construction materials across Kansas.

“KDOT’s program will be a model for how states can work with contractors to incorporate advanced materials while delivering projects that strengthen our local economies,”

**Governor Laura Kelly said.**

The program will promote the use of construction materials with lower levels of human-generated greenhouse gas emissions as measured from cradle to gate instead of benchmarks established from current national averages. Those national benchmarks will be replaced by Kansas benchmarks as soon as enough local data becomes available. It will focus on concrete, cement, and asphalt and explore eligible glass and steel materials as the program develops.

“This is significant funding that will drive innovation in construction practices,” **Kansas Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed said.** “By providing guidance and performance monitoring, KDOT can help contractors integrate cutting-edge materials into their projects and meet evolving industry standards.”

KDOT was one of 39 states awarded funding through the Federal Highway Administration’s discretionary grant program.

“KDOT can help enhance individual projects and pave the way for long-term advancement in the construction industry,” **Kansas Transportation Deputy Secretary Greg Schieber said.** “Our aim is to create a foundation for growth and continued success.”

Additional information about the Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program, made available through the Inflation Reduction Act, is available by clicking [here](#).

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