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George Dockery celebrates 50-year milestone

George Dockery, P.E., Area Engineer of Area Four in the Southeast Kansas District, has achieved a career milestone and is celebrating 50 years of valued service to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) in February.

Co-workers, family and friends will recognize Dockery for his service during a coffee from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Friday, Feb. 3, in the new conference room at the KDOT area office complex in Pittsburg. The office is located at 1813 W. 4th St. (K-126 Hwy.).

Following graduation from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering, Dockery started his employment at KDOT in February 1967. He began working at the Fort Scott construction office and continued his career in different departments and bureaus at KDOT through the Rotational Training Program. Previous positions included project engineer at Iola and resident engineer at Pittsburg.

As the area engineer at KDOT-Pittsburg since 1978, Dockery administers and monitors new construction on the state highway system and oversees the maintenance of state highways in Cherokee, Crawford, Labette and Neosho counties. In addition, he works closely with county and city officials on their road and bridge projects funded through KDOT.

Dockery cited major improvements to the highway system that have been included in three statewide transportation programs. When he became the area

engineer approximately 75 percent of the bridges in Area Four were structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, he said. Today that number has been reduced to around 5 percent, and the remaining bridges are targeted for replacement.

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