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Brewer retires from KDOT

James Brewer, Engineering Manager in the Bureau of Road Design for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), is retiring on Oct. 1 after 48 years of service to the state of Kansas.

Brewer began in 1967, participating in the Engineering Rotational Program. Afterwards, he worked in the Ottawa office and helped finish the original construction of I-35 in that area. After a few years, he came to Road Design in Headquarters and has been the Engineering Manager since 1990.

“I decided I’d rather be involved in developing the recipe than cooking the cake, so I moved to Design and started working on the plan side,” he said.

He has worked on many American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) committees and will continue serving on Transportation Research Board (TRB) committees.

Brewer has received several state and national awards including: Outstanding Engineer for AASHTO Region 3 in 1992; AASHTO National Design Award in 1999; Kansas Society of Professional Engineers/Topeka Chapter – Outstanding Engineer of the Year Award in 2005; FHWA/FMCA/NHTSA/KDOT – People Saving People Award in 2012; and Kansas Society of Professional Engineers – Outstanding Government Engineer in 2013.

Brewer’s wife, Donna, retired from KDOT in July 2014. They reside in Topeka and have two children, Marcus and Amy.

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