

Testimony

By the Kansas Contractors Association
before the Senate Transportation Committee
on Senate Resolution 1804

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I am Bob Totten, Public Affairs Director for the Kansas Contractors Association. Our organization **represents over 300 companies** who are involved in the construction of highways and water treatment facilities in Kansas and the Midwest.

Today, I want to tell you our organization supports Senate Resolution 1804 and hope that your endorsement will encourage our congressional leaders in Washington to get this addressed in the near future.

Kansas relies on a large amount of federal funding when it comes to building a transportation program in Kansas and it is important to KDOT planners and contractors alike to have a program in place so we all know what we are dealing with.

This 2012 Fiscal year shows KDOT is to be reimbursed over \$545 million dollars

from the federal government...and it goes down a lot in the future to numbers about \$377 million dollars a year but the point is...KDOT relies on a lot of federal money to make sure our local T Work program is accomplished as planned in 2010.

Our members need it so they can determine what equipment to buy and how many Employees to train in the future for the jobs they hope to get through the lowest and best Bid project delivery system.

Many of our members have made several trips to D C in the past year to encourage Our local congressional delegation to support a new program. We believe from their comments they are supportive. Unfortunately, I am not sure how many of their colleagues are in the mood to pass a new transportation program until a new President is selected.

Again, we thank you for your concern on this issue and we look forward to the full senate approving this Resolution.