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OMES Audit and Internal Investigations Employees Explore Teleworking

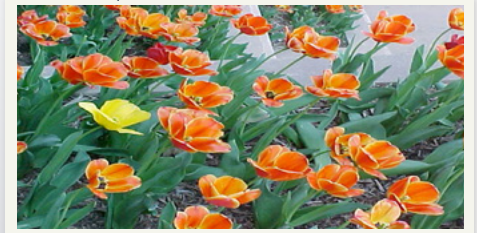
Director of Audit and Internal Investigations, JoRay McCoy, shines some light on teleworking. "There are many benefits to teleworking, and one of the most significant is the ability to broaden your recruitment area or location. This creates a larger pool of applicants, which in turn assists in finding the most qualified talent."



Other benefits just as significant are the savings to the State of Oklahoma and the specific agency participating. Mr. McCoy estimates a personal employee savings of \$6,000 to \$9,000 per year, as teleworking reduces the cost for clothing, gas, car maintenance, insurance, mileage on vehicles and eating out. The State of Oklahoma saves money on reduction in road repairs, security costs, insurance costs and other such expenses. The agency savings come from items such as reductions in paper, rent and utilities.

Prep work to telework: The work related to the position must be at least 80 percent paperless. The employee must work from home at least 80 percent of the time to obtain the savings. Using a laptop allows the employee to transport the computer to and from the central office.

It is essential for coworkers and management to be able to contact teleworkers at any time during the day. This aids in the communication process that may be weakened when employees don't report to a central office.



Flowers at Kerr-Edmondson

Kerr-Edmondson to Begin Major Parking Lot Renovation

OMES Facilities Management will begin resurfacing the Kerr-Edmondson State Office Buildings parking lot in Tulsa this fall. The project is partially funded through the Long-Range Capital Planning Commission with Maintenance of State Buildings Revolving Fund dollars. The project will be completed in phases to minimize disruption, and off-site parking will be provided to tenants to alleviate the parking shortage created by the construction. The resurfacing is projected to be completed in the fall of 2016.



Robert S. Kerr and Howard J. Edmondson Buildings, Tulsa

The Office of Management and Enterprise Services owns and manages the Robert S. Kerr and the Howard J. Edmondson Buildings located at 440 S. Houston in Tulsa, OK. The buildings were built in 1975 to provide offices for Oklahoma state government employees. The list of state agency tenants includes the Department of Agriculture, ABLE Commission, State Auditor and Inspector, Corporation Commission, Department of Corrections, Supreme Court, Tax Commission, Workers' Compensation Commission and Court, Department of Human Services, Rehabilitation Services and Office of Juvenile Affairs. Approximately 1,180 state employees work at the buildings, providing many services to Oklahoma citizens.



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