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Regional office opens in Newton, for truckers' convenience

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TOPEKA – To better serve south central Kansas, the Kansas Department of Revenue will be opening a new International Registration Plan regional office in Newton on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The Harvey County office, 800 N. Main St., Newton, will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“The new office will help motor carriers in south central Kansas save on travel time and expenses,” said Harvey County Treasurer Becky Fields. “Prior to the regional offices, truckers could spend all day traveling to Topeka and back to obtain their apportionment tags.”

It is the eighth regional office the department has opened in conjunction with county partners. Motor carriers will be able to pay for their apportioned tags, which were only available through the Motor Carrier Services Department in Topeka before the department began opening its regional offices.

“This office is one way that the Revenue Department is implementing Gov. Sam Brownback’s vision of making government more convenient for Kansans,” said Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan.

The apportioned tags, commonly called IRP tags, are part of an agreement providing registration reciprocity among the 48 contiguous states, District of Columbia and Canada. The tags apply to motor carriers who travel in more than one jurisdiction, when they are registered through the plan in one jurisdiction the vehicles are able to operate in all the jurisdictions with only one plate and cab card.

The plan was initially developed by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and is recommended for adoption by all jurisdictions. Kansas became a member of the IRP July, 1980.