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Kentucky Transportation Center Announces New Director Crabtree

Dr. Joseph Crabtree selected as KTC Director following national search.

As of March 1, 2010, Dr. Joseph “Joe” Crabtree became the Director of the Kentucky Transportation Center. Dr. Crabtree’s selection as the Center’s Director is the result of a national search that began last year. The selection was made by the President of the University of Kentucky, based upon recommendations provided by the selection committee. The Dean of the College of Engineering officially announced Dr. Crabtree’s selection on February 16, 2010.

BACKGROUND

As a senior in high school, Joe applied for the state-funded highway scholarship program in Civil Engineering at UK. College summers were spent working in two Highway Department district offices and in the Division of Technical Computing in Frankfort. After completing his Masters Degree he went to work for the Department’s Division of Research located on the UK campus. In 1983, he left Kentucky to serve as a Nuclear Propulsion Officer in the United States Navy. After completing his tour of duty, he accepted a position with Mobil Chemical Company in Illinois. In 1992, he returned to Kentucky and accepted a research engineer position at the Kentucky Transportation Center. Shortly thereafter, he began managing the Center’s research in the area of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Under his leadership, and working in close cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Center’s ITS research section has experienced substantial growth and achieved national prominence, most notably in the area of commercial vehicle operations.

Welcome, Director Crabtree, and best wishes as you lead the Center.

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