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Washington, D. C. Feb. 3 -- Congressman Bob Dole today amnounced a high-powered weather radar system will be installed in the Garden City vicinity in the next 18 months.

The radar instrument, part of the nationwide Natural
Disaster Warning System, will help provide advance detection
and warning of tornadoes, snowstorms and other weather
hazards.

Dole said he was notified of the project by an official of the Department of Commerce Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA) in Washington, D. C.

"It is hoped the radar will supply vital information
-- long range and short range -- so that deaths and economic
losses due to bad weather can be greatly reduced," Dole said.

The Kansas Congressman said the Commerce Department official explained the radar unit will alert ESSA weather bureaus to the location, intensity and movement of severe weather within over 100 miles.

ESSA weather bureau stations are located in Goodland, Dodge City, Concordia, Wichita and Topeka.

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The about \$149,000. contract for the radar unit was awarded to the Raytheon Company of Waltham, Mass.