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WASHINGTON, D.C. April 20 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today proposed two amendments to the Small Business Act designed to increase the availability of management counseling to small businessmen.

The Small Business Administration currently offers management assistance through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the Active Corps of Executives (ACE).

"One of the provisions would exempt SCORE and ACE personnel from the regulation that a federal agency cannot accept volunteer services," Dole said. "Currently these volunteers offer their services directly to the small businesses. With this amendment, they could expand their activities in several important areas without concern for the sometimes fine distinction between services to the small businessman and to the SBA itself."

A second amendment would allow SBA to furnish the volunteers office facilities, parking space and reimbursement for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses. SBA is now permitted to reimburse volunteers only for travel expenses when incurred in connection with travel to points more than 50 miles from their homes.

Dole is a member of the Select Committee on Small Business.