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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FUNDS TO TOPEKA HOMETOWN PLAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced the awarding of a \$20,900 Department of Labor grant for the administration of Topeka's Hometown Plan, a program aimed at increasing minority representation in the construction industry.

The grant is being awarded to the Topeka Building and Construction Trades Council. The council already operates an Apprenticeship Outreach Program, under the direction of Dean Miller, the program manager.

This is the first administrative funding for the Topeka Hometown Plan, now in its second year. The second-year goal is the addition of 60 minority group members to the construction industry labor force.

The Hometown Plan was developed jointly by the minority community, Labor and Management in the construction industry, and approved by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance. It is one of the 57 voluntary plans over the Nation which applies the goals of the minority hiring program to all construction in the local area, rather than limiting it to federally financed construction.