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EDA GROWTH CENTERS DESIGNATED

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson and Congressman Joe Skubitz today announced that the Economic Development Administration has designated an area of Cowley County as a growth center for the South Central Kansas Economic Development District, making the area eligible for Federal financial assistance for projects to help create jobs.

The Cowley County corridor growth center includes Arkansas City, Winfield and the Strother Field Industrial Park.

Counties in the South Central District are Butler, Chautauqua, Cowley, Elk, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Marion, McPherson, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick and Sumner.

Growth Centers are eligible for the full range of EDA benefits for projects
that will help produce jobs or services for residents of economically lagging areas of
a district. EDA benefits include public works grants and loans, and business development
loans. The agency also provides planning and technical assistance.

Wichita and the Golden Triangle area including the cities of Newton, Halstead

McPherson and Hutchinson are also EDA-designated growth centers for the 14-county district.