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POST ROCK RURAL WATER DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION PHASE UNDERWAY

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that competitive bid packets for the first phase of the Post Rock Rural Water District construction are available at the offices of the Project Engineer, Van Gundy & Associates, in Ellsworth.

"Years of effort and cooperation have finally brought this project to the final approval stage," said Senator Dole. "I am pleased to learn of the excellent progress which has been made. Barring unforeseen circumstances, we now look forward to seeing actual construction underway within 90 days of the bid opening."

First phase plans call for 680 miles of pipeline to provide water service from Kanopolis Reservoir to 666 users in a six-county area of Central Kansas: Ellsworth, Lincoln, Saline, Ottawa, southeast Russell, and northeast Barton. A board of directors representing future users in 8 counties has put together a financing package and, with the Ellsworth engineering firm, has designed a treatment facility and distribution system. A second phase is slated to expand service in Russell County and to Osborne County and to a corner of Ellis County.

Senator Dole announced preliminary approval by the Farmers Home Administration of the original funding package which included a loan amount and a grant amount of over \$3 million apiece. Subsequently, the efforts of board members turned toward enlisting subscribers, finalizing the design, and securing easements. Central Kansas Planning Agency representatives in Beloit were instrumental in securing a \$350,000 matching grant from the Economic Development Administration to Lincoln County which will go toward purchase of materials for the project.

The bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 1984, at 1:30 p.m. in the American Legion Building in Ellsworth.