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DOLE SELECTS KANSAS DELEGATES FOR WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Washington, DC -- Sen. Bob Dole has selected a Dodge City business executive to be a delegate to the 1986 national White House Conference on Small Business to be held in Washington this summer. Dole also appointed a Lenexa attorney specializing in small business to serve as an alternate delegate.

Sen. Dole said he has appointed L. Stuart Curtis of Dodge City as delegate and Alson R. Martin of Lenexa as alternate for the August conference. Both will also attend the state conference in Wichita next month.

"The White House conference offers a unique opportunity for small business to be heard at the national level," said Dole in naming Curtis and Martin. "I can't think of better persons to represent Kansas small business at this conference than Stuart Curtis and Al Martin.

"The last conference, in 1980, sent 60 specific recommendations to the President and Congress, and two-thirds of them have been enacted since then," Sen. Dole noted. "I know Stuart and Al will make sure that this year's recommendations will help Kansas business grow and prosper."

Curtis, 46, is president and chief executive officer of Curtis Machine Company, Inc., Dodge City. A graduate of Dodge City High School, Curtis received both his bachelor and master degrees from Kansas State University in Manhattan. He then joined the family business, implementing new manufacturing techniques and projects which contributed to a 20-fold increase in sales over the past two decades. He and his wife Janie, vice president of sales for the company, are the parents of two children.

Martin, 40, Lenexa, is currently president of Alson R. Martin, P.A., and a member of the law firm Shook, Hardy & Bacon. A graduate of Shawnee Mission North High School, Martin received his bachelor degree from the University of Kansas where he was a Summerfield Scholar. At KU, he was also student body president and was a Phi Beta Kappa member. He earned his law degree from New York University. In private practice, Martin represents more than 700 small businesses on legal and tax matters. Martin and his wife Dorian are the parents of two children.

Sen. Dole said the one-day state conference to be held in Wichita on April 15 will consist of an opening session, forums on key issues of concern to small business, and elections of additional state delegates to the national conference.

In addition to Curtis, six delegates appointed by the other members of Kansas' congressional delegation and 14 more delegates elected at the state conference will also attend the national conference in Washington, according to Dole, scheduled to be held August 17-21. Small businesses interested in attending the Wichita state conference may contact Sen. Dole for registration information.