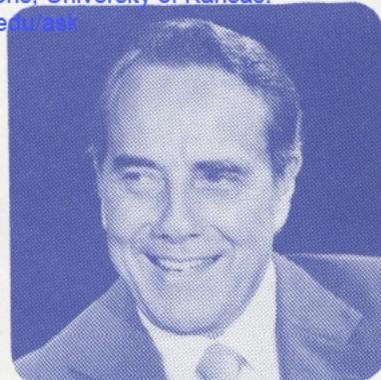


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DOLE TO SPONSOR BUSINESS CONFERENCE IN HAYS

Washington, DC -- Thousands of small businesses in central and western Kansas will have an opportunity to learn more about business prospects at a special conference sponsored by Sen. Bob Dole to be held this spring in Hays.

The one-day conference, "Forum '86: News Sales For Small Business," will feature an exhibit hall where large businesses will display goods and services while nearby federal agency officials will meet with small businesses for seminars on contract procurement, financial assistance and business planning, according to Sen. Dole.

"Small business in Kansas should be getting its fair share of government contracts as well as doing more business with each other," said Sen. Dole in announcing the conference. "By bringing together the federal agencies and larger businesses with our small businesses, we're hoping to show that there are many opportunities to improve the economic climate in our state. It is another dimension for our businesses to explore as we strive to help Kansas grow and prosper."

Sen. Dole said an estimated 20 federal agencies will be represented at "Forum '86" and more than 900 large businesses have already been invited. He said more than 10,000 small businesses in Kansas will soon receive invitations to the conference.

"If a business learns just one new idea from this conference, it could mean keeping one job, a dozen jobs or even hundreds of jobs in Kansas," noted Sen. Dole. "That makes the entire project worthwhile. There are not many businesses who won't benefit in one way or another from attending the conference."

Sen. Dole is sponsoring "Forum '86" in association with the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission. The conference will be held at the Hays Holiday Inn on Thursday, May 22.