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DOLE, KASSEBAUM HELP SECURE \$528,000 GRANT FOR WICHITA

Washington, D.C. -- Wichita will receive \$528,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help fund construction of a downtown parking garage and sky-walk, according to Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum.

The funding is being provided in the form of an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG), according to Dole. "For a while, it appeared that this wouldn't go through. After the city spent \$40,000 preparing for the project, they received word that UDAG grants would no longer be available for parking garages," said Sen. Dole.

"After we pointed out the unfairness of changing the rules in the middle of the game, HUD agreed and went ahead with their approval of the funding. We got involved because we think the project will be of enormous benefit to downtown Wichita, as well as providing for new jobs." Sen. Dole said.

The four-story parking garage, to be built near Century II, will accommodate nearly 500 cars. In addition to the grant, the project will also be financed by industrial revenue bonds and city funds.