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## DOLE WELCOMES EXIDE TO HAYS

Washington, D.C. -- Calling it "good news for Hays," Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today welcomed the announcement that Exide Corporation will be coming to Hays.

"Word is obviously getting out that Kansas offers one of the best bargains in the country in terms of the cost of doing business, access to an able and skilled labor force, and the high quality of life the state offers," said Dole. "The new jobs that Exide Corporation will bring to Hays certainly represents good news for the City."

Exide Corporation is headquartered in Redding, Pennsylvania and currently operates a facility in Salina. The battery manufacturer is expected to create a minimum of 300 new jobs in the next 4 years.

Senator Dole's office has been in contact with Hays officials for several years regarding finding an occupant for the former Baxter/Travenol plant.

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