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**DOLE, HAYDEN ANNOUNCE MAJOR KANSAS TO TAIWAN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; HUTCHINSON, WICHITA, AND SABETHA INCLUDED IN \$36 MILLION PROJECT**

Washington, D.C. -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) AND GOVERNOR MIKE HAYDEN (R-KS) ANNOUNCED TODAY A \$36 MILLION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD IN TAIWAN INVOLVING THREE KANSAS COMPANIES. THE 60,000 TON GRAIN SILO PROJECT AT TAICHUNG HARBOR, TAIWAN, REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENT IN KANSAS-TAIWAN RELATIONS.

"THIS IS AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR KANSAS," SAID SENATOR DOLE. "MIKE HAYDEN AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS. WE'LL KEEP TAKING OUR MESSAGE AROUND THE WORLD - KANSAS CAN COMPETE WITH ANYONE WHEN IT COMES TO QUALITY, WE HAVE THE PEOPLE AND THE PRODUCTS TO KEEP IT UP."

"THE AWARDING OF THIS CONTRACT SHOULD BE A GREAT SOURCE OF PRIDE TO KANSAS BUSINESS AND THE PEOPLE OF OUR STATE," GOVERNOR HAYDEN SAID. "THIS IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE STRONG INTERNATIONAL STANDING OF KANSAS' AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY."

THE GRAIN SILO PROJECT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$36 MILLION WITH THE LEAD CONTRACTOR BEING BIEHLER SALES, INC. OF HUTCHINSON, KANSAS. IN ADDITION, TWO OTHER KANSAS COMPANIES, TRAMCO, INC., OF WICHITA, AND MAC EQUIPMENT, INC., OF SABETHA, WILL PARTICIPATE AS SUBCONTRACTORS TO THE PROJECT.

TRAMCO, WHOSE SHARE OF THE CONTRACT IS \$3 MILLION, IS A MANUFACTURER OF DRAG CONVEYORS AND BUCKET ELEVATORS. MAC EQUIPMENT PRODUCES DUST CONTROL SYSTEMS AND WILL PROVIDE \$300,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT.

SENATOR DOLE CONTACTED PREMIER YU KUO-HWA TWICE DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS EXPRESSING STRONG INTEREST IN THE PROJECT, WHILE THE SENATOR'S AND GOVERNOR'S STAFF FOLLOWED UP WITH CONTINUED CONTACT. LETTERS OF INTENT TO MANUFACTURERS OF U.S. SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT WILL BE ISSUED TODAY BY BIEHLER SALES.