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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR \$27 MILLION NEW WICHITA FEDERAL BUILDING

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today applauded the award announcement for construction of a new Internal Revenue Service building in downtown Wichita. The General Services Administration (GSA) announced plans to build the \$27 million dollar IRS building on the southeast corner of 3rd and Wichita streets.

"Thanks to the cooperation of the GSA and the city of Wichita, we'll have a new star in downtown Wichita joining the neighborhood that features Epic Center, City Hall and the U.S. Court House, " Dole said. "This major construction project will be a real shot in the arm for downtown revitalization, providing a much needed new home office for 355 IRS employees and enhancing services for the public," Dole said.

Prior to the bidding round, Senator Dole was successful in convincing GSA to guarantee occupancy of the Wichita site for 15 years instead of ten years. Dole also helped bring together officials of the city and the GSA to clarify details of the complicated bidding process.

The 6 floor structure, with approximately 15,000 square feet per floor and 100 adjacent parking stalls will feature a taxpayer service unit with visitor parking, as well as state-of-the-art computer services and capabilities.

Summer 1993 is the date targeted for completion of the building.