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DOLE ANNOUNCES NEW CONTRACT FOR KAAP

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant in Parsons, Kansas will receive a big boost from a nearly \$72 million contract just awarded by the U.S. Army. The contract award is for production of the CBU-87 cluster bomb also known as the Combined Effects Munition (CEM). Under the contract, 5,796 CBU-87 cluster bombs will be produced by Alliant Techsystems, Inc., of Hopkins, Minnesota, and the final load, assembly, and pack will be conducted at the Parsons plant, operated by Day & Zimmermann.

"I am pleased that the Army has resolved the contract issues that have held up this important program, " said Dole. "The CEM program is vital to our national security and to jobs in southeast Kansas."

The funding for this program was secured by Senator Dole as part of the 1994 defense bill. A contract dispute between the Army and bidding firms delayed the \$71,878,005.68 award until now.

"The CEM has been a mainstay of employment at the KAAP," noted Dole. "This contract award is another victory for Kansas quality and Kansas value."