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DOLE URGES WICHITA SELECTION AS NEW MIDWEST HUB FOR PIEDMONT

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole tomorrow will meet with Piedmont Airlines President William Howard to promote the airline's selection of Wichita as the site of it's new Midwest flight "hub" operations center.

"I can't think of a better marriage than Piedmont and Wichita," Senator Dole said. "Piedmont needs a hub in a good central location with modern facilities. Wichita has that, as well as a business climate that is responsive and a labor pool that is eager to produce effectively and efficiently."

Piedmont has experienced considerable success in recent years by offering service to mid-size and smaller communities through the use of flight operation hubs. They have, in the past, made some suprising choices for hub locations, utilizing less traveled airports instead of major facilities such as O'Hare in Chicago.

It is estimated Piedmont's ultimate decision will mean the creation of at least 300 jobs in addition to expanded flight service to other major Midwestern cities.

Wichita, along with several other cities, is being considered by Piedmont as the site for a new Midwest Hub the airline plans to establish in the near future. This new hub would draw traffic from midwest and southwest locations headed for eastern destinations.

Senator Dole's meeting with Piedmont's president will follow a luncheon and presentation sponsored by the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. Joining Senator Dole and Mr. Howard will be Cessna Aircraft Corp., Chairman Russell W. Meyer, Boeing Co., Senior Vice President Lionel D. Alford, The Coleman Co., Chairman Lawrence M. Jones, Fourth National Bank Chairman Jordan Haines and Attorney Charles W. Harris.