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DOLE ANNOUNCES GRANT TO FACILITIES FOR HANDICAPPED

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Sen. Bob Dole today announced that Cowley County Developmental Services has received a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to expand their sheltered workshop.

The workshop is a 15,000 square foot structure where persons with physical and mental disabilities perform subcontract work for various companies. The \$400,000 grant will aid in the purchase of equipment to fulfill contracts and will be used to double the size of the workshop.

"I'm pleased that such a deserving program has received these funds and I applaud the companies that have helped to make this program a success.

"Sheltered workshops play an important role in expanding employment opportunities for handicapped individuals. Programs such as this provide disabled Kansans with the chance to develop job skills, and to experience work in an atmosphere that many take for granted." Dole said.

Currently, Cowley County Developmental Services employs 89 handicapped people and performs subcontract work for over 15 different companies.