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DOLE WELCOMES HUD OFFICE TO KANSAS!

WASHINGTON -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AFTER LEARNING THAT NEW OFFICES FOR THE KC REGION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT WILL BE LOCATED IN KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

"THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS WELCOME HUD TO OUR STATE. THIS IS ANOTHER STEP TOWARD MAKING KANSAS CITY A REAL PARTNER IN GREATER KANSAS CITY," DOLE SAID.

"I HAVE SAID THROUGHOUT THE BIDDING PROCESS THAT THE BOTTOMLINE IS COMPETITION, AND THAT MEANS GETTING THE BEST DEAL FOR THE TAXPAYERS. MAINTAINING THE FEDERAL STATUS QUO IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF TAXPAYERS IN KANSAS OR MISSOURI -- FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION IS."

"THIS IS OUR FIRST SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESS SINCE 1984. I ADD WITH DETERMINATION THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE TO COME."

"WE CAN ASSURE HUD EMPLOYEES THAT THE SAME HARD WORK AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AMONG CITY OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE TO OFFER THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE BID NOW WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE WORKERS WHO SERVE IT," DOLE SAID.