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PIAGGIO COMING TO KANSAS!
DOLE CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT AND WICHITA

WASHINGTON -- "Piaggio has made an investment in a great state," said Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) in congratulating the president of Piaggio Aviation, Inc. announcing Wichita, Kansas, as a future site for expansion of the Italian business aircraft manufacturer.

In a letter to Dr. Rinaldo Piaggio, Dole added that the "commitment of Piaggio and local government officials will combine with the high quality work of Wichita area residents to make the P-180 a strong competitor in the business turbo-prop market."

"Piaggio has made an investment in a great state; more important, it has made an investment of confidence in the people of Wichita and of Kansas that will pay untold dividends as Piaggio and the community grow and achieve success together," Dole concluded in the letter.

Piaggio Aviation, Inc. manufactures the P-180 Avanti with markets nationwide and worldwide.

The addition of a Piaggio manufacturing site is expected to bring 200 jobs to the Wichita area. If desired production rates are achieved, an additional 400 could be employed.

"The city of Wichita once again has won due to its success in the aviation industry and Kansas-bred work ethic," said Dole.