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COLBY AWARDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Washington, D.C. -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that Colby has received a federal grant for economic development at the city's industrial park.

The city will receive a \$117,177 public works grant from the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration for the construction of sewer and roadway improvements to serve the 27 acre industrial park in the city of Colby. Housed in this park is the eleven acre Sigco Sunflower processing plant. Senator Dole attended the opening of the sunflower oil plant in March.

"After visiting the sunflower plant, I saw firsthand the success of this area's progress in economic development. The improvements to this industrial park will go a long way towards attracting new industry not only to Colby, but to all of Thomas County as well," said Dole.

"I will continue to look for ways to generate economic development in rural areas," said Dole.

The improvement project is expected to be completed late this summer.