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KANSAS STATE LANDS \$5 MILLION RESEARCH GRANT DOLE ANNOUNCES 5-YEAR FEDERAL COMMITMENT TO HAZARDOUS WASTE STUDY

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY HAS LANDED A FIVE-YEAR, \$5 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT TO STUDY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

KSU NOT ONLY WON THE GRANT BUT ALSO FINISHED FIRST IN "TECHNICAL MERIT", MEANING THAT THE MANHATTAN INSTITUTION IS THE LEAD SCHOOL IN THE SIX-SCHOOL REGIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM. THE STUDY IS FINANCED BY THE SUPERFUND.

"THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF QUALITY WE HAVE RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD," DOLE SAID. "HAZARDOUS WASTE IS ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES FACING AMERICA TODAY. THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS, BUT THIS GRANT WILL HELP BRING TOGETHER THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST FROM TOP INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY."

DOLE SAID OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION IS ON ITS WAY TO THE INSTITUTIONS.

SENATOR DOLE HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE KSU APPLICATION, AND HAS KEPT IN TOUCH WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION COMPETITION. HE ALSO WROTE A LETTER TO THE EPA ASKING THAT KSU RECEIVE FUNDING LEVELS COMMENSURATE WITH ITS FIRST PLACE FINISH.

THE HAZARDOUS WASTE STUDY WILL FOCUS ON STABILIZATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, RECLAMATION OF CONTAMINATED SUPERFUND SITES, THERMOCHEMICAL TREATMENT OF WASTES, AND REMOVAL OF PESTICIDES FROM RURAL WELL-WATER SUPPLIES.

OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE REGIONAL PROJECT ARE THE UNIVERSITIES OF IOWA, MISSOURI, MONTANA, NEBRASKA, UTAH AND MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY.