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SITE SELECTED FOR MANHATTAN JOB CORP CENTER DEAL CLOSED, \$1.4 MILLION SAVED IN FINAL SALE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) said today that Kansas' first-ever Federal Job Corps Center could be "one of the best in the country" now that local officials have closed the deal with the U.S. Department of Labor.

"It has taken several years of hard work but our goal of giving disadvantaged Kansas youths new hope for the future is another step closer," said Dole. "I am pleased to know that the site is signed, sealed and delivered."

"We are now in a position to move forward and renovate the facility that can mean so much to so many in Kansas," Dole said. "This center is expected to be one of the best in the country, with initial plans calling for an on-site child care center."

"It looks like the taxpayers got a deal on the bottomline, too. Originally, the Department of Labor had targeted \$2.8 million for the property, but according to reports, the job corps center real estate went for about \$1.495 million, which even included the acquisition of an additional eight acres of land."

The project was finalized in September, 1988, when Senator Dole secured a commitment from then-Labor Secretary Ann McLaughlin to bring a job corps center to Kansas.