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DOLE MEETS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW PRODUCTION FACILITY
IN MANHATTAN, KANSAS

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today met with representatives from Ford Motor Company, Troy Design and Manufacturing and Kansas State University, to discuss the new alternative fuel technology and vehicle production facility in Manhattan, Kansas.

"This project sets an example for private companies taking the lead in advancing alternative fuels technology. TDM and Ford have tapped into K-State's research capabilities and the Manhattan community's resources to explore the growing alternative fuels market," Dole added. "K-State and Manhattan can be proud of the hard work and commitment that brought the factory home."

The Manhattan facility will produce electric and natural gas fueled vehicles. The factory is projected to bring in 125 jobs and \$250 million in investment over the next three years. Kansas State University will participate in research and development of electric vehicle and alternative fuels technologies.

"I am a longtime supporter of alternative fuels and the development of electric vehicles," Dole said. "In my view, these options are a plus for the environment, a plus for consumers, and they reduce our dependence on imported fuels. That is good news all around."

Attending the meeting were Peter Pestillo, Executive Vice President of Ford; Martin Zimmerman, Chief Economist at Ford; William Roberts, President of Troy Design and Manufacturing; William Coppola, Managing Director of Electric Vehicle Development at TDM; Bob Krause, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Kansas State University; and Jim Hague, Professor of Architectural Engineering and Construction Science at Kansas State University.

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