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Washington, D. C.-----The Kansas Congressional Delegation has undertaken the sponsorship of a three day Minority Business Enterprise Conference to be held in Washington, October 27-29.

Attending the Conference will be black, Mexican and Indian American businessmen and businesswomen from Kansas who will benefit from presentations given by government agencies, foundations as well as corporations who have programs that are geared to help minorities enhance their businesses.

The conference meetings will be held at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 2153. Mr. Thomas Roeser, Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise in the Department of Commerce, will address the opening session, to which members of the Kansas Congressional delegation have been invited.

Senator James B. Pearson has said of the Conference, "I feel that the black, Mexican and Indian American population of Kansas can certainly benefit from this three-day session which will concern itself with the means of obtaining minority business loans and contracts, technical and manpower development assistance, as well as a wide range of other programs geared to generate minority group managers and owners."

Senator Robert Dole said: "I am gratified with the initiative taken by the participants in this conference to foster greater growth of minority businesses in Kansas. Only through such local initiative and with the assistance of the private sector will we ever achieve greater opportunities for those seeking to own and operate a small business."

For more details those interested are urged to contact: Mr. Jim Brown in Kansas City, DR1-6140, Wichita, Mr. Bill Knox 262-0611; and in Topeka, Mr. Jim Woodson, FL 4-1307, who are acting as keymen.