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WICHITA, Kans., Feb. 26 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson, Bob Dole and U.S. Rep. Garner E. Shriver announced today the approval of a \$1,842,500 direct grant from the Economic Development Administration. The funds are to finance a storm drainage project, that when completed, will result in more than 2,000 new jobs in the Wichita area.

The project's federal share is 50 per cent. Total funding for the construction of a storm drainage system and access road for the Wichita Northend Industrial Park will amount to \$3,685,000.

Completion of the project will eliminate flood and drainage problems, and in turn, will encourage a growth in Wichita employment of 1,921 jobs for the first year. By 1975, an additional 180 jobs will be available, for a total of 2101.