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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 12 ---THE ALLOCATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$832,973 TO PROGRAMS OF THE MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION IN KANSAS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY UNITED STATES SENATORS JAMES B. PEARSON AND BOB DOLE.

THE KANSAS SENATORS SAID THE FUNDS WILL CONTINUE THE WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM (WIN) FOR 1,060 PERSONS, AND ADD 122 JOBLESS OR UNDER-EMPLOYED TO THE ROLLS OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS.

THE WIN PROGRAM, NOW OPERATING IN WICHITA, SOUTHEAST KANSAS, KANSAS CITY, KS., SALINA AND TOPEKA, PROVIDES EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES, INCLUDING JOB TRAINING, TO PERSONS FROM WELFARE ROLLS. THE NEW FUNDING OF \$498,575 COMPLETES THE FISCAL YEAR ALLOCATION TO THE PROGRAM OF \$1,049,000.

A NEW PROGRAM, NEW CAREERS IN EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, WILL PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING OF 40 DISADVANTAGED PERSONS IN THE KANSAS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, WITH \$183,356 IN FEDERAL FUNDS.

IN A JOINT STATEMENT, PEARSON AND DOLE EXPLAINED:

PLANS CALL FOR THE HIRING OF 20 DISADVANTAGED PERSONS FOR ENTRY-LEVEL JOBS, AND THE UPGRADING OF 20 PRESENT EMPLOYEES. THE KANSAS AGENCY WILL RECEIVE FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR THE NEW EMPLOYEE'S WAGES AND BENEFITS DURING THE FIRST YEAR, AND HALF THE COST FOR THE SECOND YEAR. FEDERAL FUNDS WILL ALSO PAY FOR THE FULL COST OF JOB TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

FOR THE EMPLOYEES BEING UP-GRADED, THE FUNDS WILL COVER ONLY THE COST OF JOB TRAINING, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, INCLUDING TWO YEARS OF JOB-RELATED STUDY IN LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. OTHER FUNDS WENT TO EXPAND PROJECTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS AND OPERATION MAINSTREAM.

THREE PROJECTS IN THE INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BUSINESS SECTOR (JOBS) PROGRAM WERE ALSO ANNOUNCED. THAT PROGRAM ALIGNS THE LABOR DEPARTMENT AND THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESSMEN IN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO BRING PRIVATE INDUSTRY INTO THE TRAINING OF THE HARDCORE UNEMPLOYED.

EMPLOYERS ARE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES IN HIRING PERSONS WITH LITTLE OR NO WORK EXPERIENCE.

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