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WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 28, 1971 ----- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson, Bob Dole, and U.S. Rep. Garner E. Shriver announced today that a Wichita and a Newton firm will hire, train and retain nine disadvantaged jobless workers in an industry-government program.

The Kansas Republicans said the U.S. Labor Department will reimburse the Kansas employers, Prairie View, Inc. of Newton, and P.I.T. Fiberglass, Inc. of Wichita up to \$14,304 of their extraordinary expenses in hiring persons with little or no work experience.

The program, known as Job Opportunities in the Business Sector (JOBS) is a joint effort of the Labor Department and the National Alliance of Businessmen to bring private industry into the training of the hardcore unemployed.

Employers pay wages to the trainees from the first day; Manpower Administration reimbursement is for costs of on-the-job training, job-related education, intensive counseling, and other supportive services.

The Newton firm will be reimbursed up to \$1,573 for the employment of one trainee as a psychiatric aide. The Wichita firm will be reimbursed up to \$12,731 for hiring eight trainees in production occupations.

The funds for both firms, under the JOBS program, are to cover a nine-month term of contract.