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\$1.5 MILLION TO WICHITA FOR SOUTHWEST PROJECT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson and Congressman Garner Shriver today announced Economic Development Administration approval of a \$1,500,000 grant to the City of Wichita for the development of a storm drainage system in the 1500 acre Southwest Industrial Area near the intersection of I-235 and Highway 54. The city will provide \$1,853,000 for a total project cost of \$3,353,000.

In announcing the grant, Senator Dole applauded the continued work of EDA with the Wichita community. "Economic expansion in the Southwest Industrial area means more jobs for Wichitans and a more diversified economy for the area." Dole added that the drainage system will assist in business expansion and development, bringing an estimated 1500 jobs into the area. The Senator said it would also encourage development on land in the area that has previously not been suitable for development because of drainage problems.

Commending EDA's approval of the grant, Congressman Shriver said, "This action by EDA will enable the City to make further progress in creating new jobs and diversifying the economy. Since 1970 we have enjoyed a beneficial working partnership with the Federal government in following a blueprint for economic adjustment and growth."

Firms already in the area that are planning expansion include Safeway Beef Processing Plant, Western Control, Inc., Metal Fab, Art Roll, Electromech, Barrett Machine, L & S Machine Company, and Carlson Stapler.