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DOLE RESTORES SOLAR ENERGY DEMONSTRATION FUNDS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today succeeded in restoring \$3.75 million to the Senate-House Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. The funds have the immediate effect of revitalizing the Small Communities Solar Demonstration Project sponsored by the Department of Energy.

The restoration of funds means a solar demonstration project in Osage City, Kansas, possibly will be approved. "The project represents the first world demonstration program for this type of solar thermal system. The system shows significant promise for application to small communities, rural areas and islands for community power generation," said Senator Dole.

Strong Interest

Strong interest was generated by 24 states which submitted 45 proposals as part of the site selection process for this project. Currently 6 sites are under final evaluation for the demonstration system. These finalists are Osage City, Kansas; Burke, South Dakota; Molokai, Hawaii; Harbison, South Carolina; Cheney, Washington; and Wickenburg, Arizona.

Co-sponsors of the amendment are: Senator Nancy Kassebaum (R.-Kansas); Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep.- Arizona); Senator George McGovern (Dem.- South Dakota); Senator Larry Pressler (Rep.-South Dakota); Senator Daniel Inouye (Dem.-Hawaii) and; Senator Spark Matsunaga (Dem. Hawaii).