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DOLE DISAPPOINTED WITH AIR FORCE DECISION ON NEW GENERATION TRAINER

WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) expressed disappointment today that the Secretary of the Air Force did not select the Cessna Aircraft Company to develop the Next Generation Trainer.

"Over the years, Cessna has delivered more than 1200 T-37 trainers and 250 T-41's. As a matter of fact, Cessna's T-37 has been the primary Air Force Jet Trainer for almost 30-years. With that kind of track record, it is surprising the Air Force did not go with the experienced leader in the trainer field. I am extremely disappointed because Cessna has an outstanding record in the development and manufacture of training jets."