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DOLE ANNOUNCES SITE SELECTION TASK FORCE FOR KANSAS'
FEDERAL JOB CORPS CENTER
TOPEKAN JERRY HOLLEY TO CHAIR PANEL

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole this morning announced the members of the Site Selection Task Force that will select the home of Kansas' first Federal Job Corps Center. Topeka's Jerry Holley, Vice President of Broadcasting, Stauffer Communications, Inc., will be the Task Force Chairman.

"In choosing the members of this important Task Force, it was my wish to put together a solid group of Kansans who know the state and understand its people," said Senator Dole. "I couldn't be more pleased with this group. It is top-notch, and includes Kansans from every section of the state. The Task Force features civic leaders, a woman whose son graduated from a Job Corps Center, judicial experts and representatives of business, labor and education."

Senator Dole secured the project for the state and announced on March 23 that the U.S. Department of Labor had ticketed the center for Kansas.

The Task Force, while chosen by Senator Dole, will work directly with the U.S. Department of Labor to determine which interested Kansas community is best suited to be the site of the multi-million-dollar Federal Job Corps Center.

KANSAS JOB CORPS CENTER SITE SELECTION TASK FORCE

Mrs. Ann Keener, La Crosse -- Member, State Board of Education;
Member, State Commission for Law Related Education

Jerry Abbott, Topeka -- Assistant Secretary, Division of
Labor Management Relations and Employment Standards

Professor Ted Heim, Topeka -- Chairman, Department of
Criminal Justice, Washburn University

Jerry Holley, Topeka -- Vice President of Broadcasting,
Stauffer Communications, Inc.

Connie Hadley, Kansas City, Kansas -- Executive Director,
Economic Opportunity Foundation; Her son is a former enrollee
at a Federal Job Corps Center

Lynn Mitchelson, Johnson County -- Chief Executive Officer,
Corporate Woods State Bank

Jim Stringer, Hutchinson -- President, Hutchinson Junior College

Richard Lopez, Wichita -- Chief Executive Officer, Kansas
"Ser" Jobs for Progress, unemployment and training
organization

Dale Stinson, Emporia -- Executive Director, Emporia Chamber
of Commerce; President-elect of Kansas Industrial Developers

Judge Kenneth David, Coffeyville -- State District Judge; an
innovator in juvenile offender programs and instrumental in
starting Boys Home in Independence

Sue Ice, Newton -- Public Relations Director, Prairie View
Mental Health Center

Bonnie Holloway, McPherson -- Real estate and insurance
businesswoman

The site selection process will take approximately 4 to 6 months. Once the selection has occurred, about 12 to 14 months are required to complete the remaining steps and open the Center.

BACKGROUND ON JOB CORPS CENTER

A Job Corps Center is designed to house and provide a full range of services (food, basic education, vocational training, medical care, counseling and related support services) for disadvantaged young people ages 15 to 21. The goal of the program is to help Corps members to become responsible adults, prepared to obtain and hold productive jobs, return to school or further training, or satisfy the Armed Forces entrance requirements.

- There are 107 Job Corps Centers located throughout the nation, but Kansas has never had one. Young Kansans selected to participate in the Job Corps program are currently being transferred to Utah.

- The characteristics of Job Corps enrollees can be summarized as follows:

Age range 15-21 (average 18); entry reading level is that of a sixth grader; 75% of enrollees have never been employed full-time; the average annual family income of enrollees is \$5,389 (excluding families receiving public assistance).

- The effects of Job Corps participation can be summarized as follows (this is a comparison between Job Corps graduates and comparable persons who did not participate in the Job Corps program):

Job Corps enrollees are twice as likely to attend college; they are five times as likely to obtain a high school diploma or equivalent degree; the net increase in employment is almost four weeks per year.

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