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DOLE ANNOUNCES MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR DODGE CITY

WASHINGTON -- Dodge City has received a major federal grant to promote economic development, Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today.

The city will receive a \$500,000 public works grant from the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration for the construction of water, sewer and access road improvements for a 226-acre industrial park.

"These funds are extremely important for the economic development of Dodge City. The improvements to this industrial park will go a long way toward attracting new jobs and industry not only to Dodge City, but to all of Ford County as well.

"In last year's Commerce Appropriations bill, I was able to include language that gave priority consideration to projects in rural areas for EDA grants, specifically citing Dodge City. The economic decline in rural areas is of serious concern, and I am pleased that we were able to do something to help focus attention on the needs in Western Kansas.

"It has been a long and difficult process to get these funds delivered to Dodge City where they can be utilized. I am pleased that we can now get this project underway," Dole said.