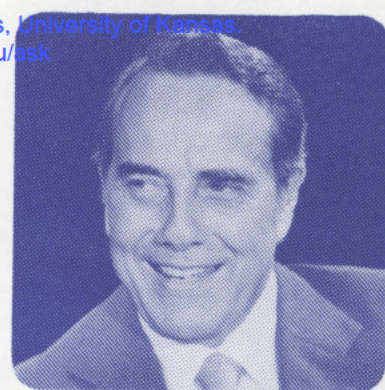


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## DOLE: WSU TO BEGIN RECEIVING FUNDS FOR AVIATION INSTITUTE

Washington, DC -- Wichita State University will soon receive the first installment - \$1.9 million - in federal funds for its new Institute for Aviation Research & Development, according to Senator Bob Dole.

Dole proposed the funding one year ago, and won congressional approval for up to \$7 million in federal support during budget debate in Congress late last year.

In announcing the government's release of \$1,914,000, Sen. Dole said, "Since the mid-1970's, Wichita State has spent more than \$44 million in aviation research. With that kind of foundation, it's only logical that WSU, with federal support, becomes the new home for a permanent institute dedicated toward building a stronger, safer aviation system."

He said, "As more funds are released, the institute will grow and contribute to the reputation Wichita has as the 'air capital' of the world. I'm convinced the institute can and will serve as a catalyst for expanded aviation developments in the Wichita area."

Sen. Dole said the funds, from the U.S. Department of Transportation, will be used to develop centers for basic aviation research and safety. Additional centers on management, productivity and training are also slated to be developed as additional funds are released, Dole said.

Additional funds totaling an estimated \$4.8 million are expected to be released soon by the Department of Defense. All federal funds for WSU's aviation institute are to be matched by private funds.