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ARMY CONTRACT TO REMAIN IN LEAVENWORTH ACCORDING TO
DOLE AND KASSEBAUM; FORD AEROSPACE PROPOSAL REJECTED

Washington, D.C. -- The U.S. Army has rejected a Ford Aerospace proposal to move its Manuever Control System software development project from Leavenworth to Colorado Springs, Colorado, Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Landon Kassebaum today announced. The Army cited a "lack of guarantee of cost savings" as the reason for rejecting the move.

"My understanding is that the Army decided that such a move would not provide any guarantee of savings. We were convinced that the resources for fulfilling the needs of the contract were available in the Leavenworth area. The Army obviously agreed," said Dole.

"I welcome the decision the Army has made not to move its Manuever Control System from Leavenworth to Colorado Springs, Colorado. I believe this is a cost-effective and worthwhile decision for the Army," said Kassebaum.

Ford Aerospace had announced plans in early March to ask the Army for permission to transfer the project to Colorado Springs, where the company contended a greater pool of computer software development talent existed. In a letter to the Army, Senator Dole questioned this assertion, citing the significant amount of high tech activity that occurs in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, of which Leavenworth and Lansing are a part.

One of two primary contractors for the Manuever Control System, Ford currently employs 47 people in Leavenworth under the contract.