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JOB CORPS COMING TO KANSAS!!
DOLE NAILS DOWN COMMITMENT FROM LABOR DEPARTMENT;
PRESIDENT SIGNS FUNDING MEASURE

WASHINGTON -- AFTER A SIX YEAR BATTLE, A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL JOB TRAINING CENTER IS ON ITS WAY TO KANSAS, SENATORS BOB DOLE AND NANCY KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE FINAL STEP WAS TAKEN TODAY WHEN DOLE REVEALED HE HAD SECURED A PERSONAL COMMITMENT LATE MONDAY FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF LABOR ANN McLAUGHLIN TO GIVE THE SUNFLOWER STATE ITS FIRST EVER JOB CORPS CENTER.

FUNDING FOR THE CENTER -- WHICH WILL PROVIDE ANNUAL TRAINING FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 DISADVANTAGED YOUNG KANSANS, AND ADD MORE THAN 100 NEW JOBS TO THE HOST COMMUNITY -- WAS ON HOLD SINCE 1984 BECAUSE OF BUDGET RESTRAINTS. HOWEVER, THOSE BARRIERS DISAPPEARED TODAY AT AN OVAL OFFICE CEREMONY WHERE PRESIDENT REAGAN SIGNED THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FUNDING BILL. DOLE STOOD BY THE PRESIDENT AS HE SIGNED THE \$39 BILLION MEASURE.

"THIS NEW KANSAS PROJECT IS A SOLID INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE," DOLE SAID. "THE JOB CORPS WILL GIVE HUNDREDS OF YOUNG KANSAS MEN AND WOMEN A HELPING HAND TO WHAT WE ALL HOPE WILL BE LIFETIME, MEANINGFUL CAREERS. YES, IT'S HEADLINE NEWS IN MANHATTAN, BUT IT'S ALSO GOOD NEWS FOR THE ENTIRE STATE -- WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EDUCATION, JOBS, OUR ECONOMY AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE."

"I'M VERY PLEASED THAT ALL THE WORK BY MANY PEOPLE HERE AND IN KANSAS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IS NOW BEARING FRUIT," SENATOR KASSEBAUM ADDED. "THE JOB CORPS WILL NOT ONLY MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT IT WILL ALSO MEAN A GREAT DEAL TO THE GREATER MANHATTAN COMMUNITY WHICH HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN WINNING THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT."

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DOLE SAID HE HAD TELEPHONED SECRETARY McLAUGHLIN TO REMIND HER OF TWO PREVIOUS KANSAS JOB CORPS COMMITMENTS FROM HER PREDECESSORS, LABOR SECRETARIES RAY DONOVAN AND WILLIAM BROCK. THE CALL PAID OFF WHEN THE SECRETARY INFORMED THE KANSAS SENATOR THAT HIS STATE INDEED WAS A TOP PRIORITY.

KANSAS HAD BEEN ONE OF ONLY SIX STATES THAT DID NOT HAVE A JOB CORPS CENTER, A FACT THAT PROMPTED SENATOR DOLE IN 1982 TO START THE BATTLE TO GIVE KANSAS WHAT 44 OTHER STATES ALREADY HAD. HE SECURED THE FIRST COMMITMENT IN 1984 BUT THE CENTER WAS PLACED ON HOLD PENDING AVAILABLE FUNDING.

AT THE SAME TIME, SENATOR DOLE ESTABLISHED AN INDEPENDENT STATEWIDE SITE SELECTION TASK FORCE -- HEADED BY NOTED TOPEKA BROADCAST EXECUTIVE JERRY HOLLEY -- TO MAKE CERTAIN THE SELECTION PROCESS WAS COMPETITIVE AND FREE OF POLITICS. THE DOLE PANEL EVENTUALLY PICKED MANHATTAN AS THE SITE OF THE TRAINING CENTER.

IN A RECENT LETTER TO SECRETARY McLAUGHLIN, SENATORS DOLE AND KASSEBAUM REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MANHATTAN.