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**DOLE LANDS \$2.8 MILLION GRANT FOR HIGH TECH KU BIOSCIENCE CENTER;
2 YEAR FIGHT PAYS OFF WITH CALL FROM HHS SECRETARY SULLIVAN**

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE HAS SECURED A \$2.8 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT TO HELP FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF AN IMPORTANT NEW ADDITION TO THE K.U. CAMPUS, A BIOSCIENCE CENTER THAT WILL HOUSE THE LATEST IN CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH FACILITIES.

DOLE HAS FOUGHT HARD FOR THE PROJECT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND TODAY THE EFFORT PAID OFF WHEN DR. LOUIS SULLIVAN, SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MADE A TELEPHONE CALL TO INFORM THE KANSAS SENATOR THAT THE GRANT HAD BEEN APPROVED.

"THIS IS A TREMENDOUS BREAKTHROUGH FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN OUR STATE," DOLE SAID. "THIS CENTER WILL BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF A NEW FRONTIER OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND SHOULD PROVE TO BE A NATIONAL RESOURCE FOR EXPERIMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, ALL THE WAY FROM ANTI-CANCER DRUGS TO THE LATEST IN IMMUNOLOGY, MOLECULAR ENGINEERING AND AN EXCITING ARRAY OF NEW SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES."

DR. SULLIVAN ALSO TOLD SENATOR DOLE THAT K.U. HAS QUALIFIED TO COMPETE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING THIS COMING YEAR FOR THE BIOSCIENCE CENTER. DOLE HAS INCLUDED FUNDING FOR THE CENTER IN THE PAST TWO FEDERAL BUDGETS AND HAS BEEN PRESSING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE THE K.U. PROJECT A PRIORITY.

"I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH CHANCELLOR BUDIG DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, MAKING OUR CASE TO CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THIS IS A PRIORITY PROJECT, NOT JUST FOR KANSAS BUT FOR AMERICA," DOLE SAID. "I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT OUR CASE HAS BEEN HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR. WE'LL KEEP WORKING TO MAKE CERTAIN K.U. GETS ITS BEST SHOT AT THE REMAINING FUNDS NEXT YEAR."

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MANHATTAN PROJECTS

Throckmorton Plant Science Research Center (Manhattan)

You and Senator Kassebaum requested \$6 million for Throckmorton at Kansas State University. Senate provided \$4.5 million. Conference included \$3.731 million. KSU needs \$5.4 million to complete federal share.

Cooperative State Research Service Projects (Manhattan):

Food Safety Program (KSU, University of Arkansas, and Iowa State University)

Highest priority CSRS project. Kansas State is working on a five-year research project to identify and control the growth of spoilage and disease-causing microorganisms in meat and meat products. Received \$2 million (split 3 ways) in Senate bill, \$1.845 million from Conference.

Wheat Genetics Resource Center

The Center stores wild wheat seeds that are used to maintain the genetic diversity of wheat. Received \$200,000 in Senate bill and \$149,000 in Conference.

Management of Stored-Grain Insect Problems

A program to achieve improved grain quality through better management practices. Received full request of \$285,000 in Senate, but the Conference cut the amount to approximately \$282,000.

International Meat and Livestock Program

A program to provide assistance to foreign livestock producers. The Senate provided the full request of \$95,000, but the Conference cut amount to \$94,000.