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WICHITA CONFERENCE TO FEATURE

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WASHINGTON - THE OFFICE OF SENATOR BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY FINAL PLANS FOR A MAJOR CONFERENCE DEALING WITH EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE HELD AT THE WICHITA MARRIOTT ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 AND FEBRUARY 1, 1992.

NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS WHO ARE LEADERS IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY ARE ON THE PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE CO-HOSTED BY SENATOR DOLE, THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, AND WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE CONFERENCE WILL OFFER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES, SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND EDUCATORS. PARTICIPANTS FROM KANSAS AND THROUGHOUT THE REGION WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING THE NECESSARY SKILLS THAT WILL QUALIFY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR JOBS ALONG WITH SOLVING THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.

WITH THE RECENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LANDMARK AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ARE GUARANTEED FULL PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. PROGRAM SEGMENTS WILL FEATURE IMPLICATIONS OF ADA, MODIFYING THE WORKPLACE, ACQUIRING REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY, TRANSITIONING FROM SCHOOL TO WORK, AND BUILDING GREATER ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY.

KEYNOTE SPRAKERS

SPEAKERS INCLUDE JOHN KEMP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATIONS, WASHINGTON, D.C.; CHRIS BELL, ASSOCIATE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR ADA SERVICES, WASHINGTON, D.C.; RUSSELL REDENBAUGH, COMMISSIONER, U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; RICHARD DRACH, MANAGER, DISABILITY PROGRAMS, Dupont, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE; PAUL HEARNE, PRESIDENT, THE DOLE FOUNDATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.;

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