

Bob Dole



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**ARMY OK'S DOLE PLAN TO UPGRADE RESERVE
& NATIONAL GUARD FLEET WITH WICHITA-BUILT C-12**

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that the Army has agreed with his plan to modernize the Army Reserve and Army National Guard transport fleet with C-12 aircraft built by Beechcraft in Wichita. In a letter from Assistant Secretary of the Army Sara Lister, the Army declared its intent to purchase 12 C-12 aircraft as replacements for aging U-21 utility aircraft currently in use by the National Guard and Army Reserve.

"The Kansas-built C-12 is the best buy for the Army and the taxpayer," said Dole. "It was a tough fight, and I'm pleased that the Army's extensive review demonstrated that the C-12 is a cost-effective way to modernize the Guard and Reserve."

The C-12 aircraft are part of \$117 million modernization program for Army aviation directed by Congress in the fiscal 1994 defense bill.

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