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DOLE, KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCE UDAG APPROVAL FOR ROYALE ADDITION

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum today announced that the City of Wichita has been awarded an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in the development of a 21-story addition to the Wichita Royale Hotel. The \$2,014,000 grant will be used by developers Sam Hardage and George Angle to assist in the construction of a 240-space parking garage adjacent to the hotel and convention facility.

"Senator Kassebaum and I endorsed this project wholeheartedly and are gratified to see it approved," said Senator Dole. "The City of Wichita will benefit greatly, and it is our hope that this project will prompt further downtown development in Wichita."

Dole and Kassebaum have worked closely with Mayor Bob Brown, City Manager Gene Denton and HUD officials during the past several months to ensure that the application was given proper consideration. On September 15, the two Republican Senators arranged a meeting in Dole's office in which city officials and the developers met with HUD representatives to work out remaining problems in the application so that the project could be acted on in this quarter of the fiscal year.

The purpose of the UDAG program is to strengthen the economy, employment and tax base through a combination of public and private investment. This was Wichita's last opportunity for a UDAG grant.