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DOLE APPLAUDS GRANT AWARDED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
SPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Senate approved on Thursday a grant of \$200,000 to the University of Kansas Space Technology Center for development of remote sensing technologies.

Remote sensing refers to techniques used to collect valuable information about the Earth's land and water resources. Remote sensing instruments, such as cameras, scanners and radar are mounted aboard aircraft, orbiting satellites and spacecraft to provide rapid, constant coverage of large geographical areas at a relatively low cost.

"This is especially good news for farmers, government agencies and business firms needing timely and accurate information on a variety of agricultural items including conservation needs, soil erosion, irrigation assessment and crop stress," Senator Dole said.

"Many times this information is not timely or accurate due to manpower shortages, survey costs and other factors. During the next decade this type of technology will undergo steady growth and continuing improvement. I anticipate that the benefits to be derived from this advancing technology will be great, and am delighted that the University of Kansas will be on the cutting edge in developing this technology."