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DOLE PROMOTES WICHITA AS NEW PIEDMONT AIR HUB

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today met with Piedmont Airlines President William Howard and Wichita civic leaders to promote Kansas' largest city as an ideal spot for Piedmont's new Midwestern flight operations hub.

"Piedmont is looking for a city with a growth record and a need for increased airline flights to other major cities, and Wichita fits this description ideally," Dole said in a meeting with Howard and business leaders from Wichita.

Senator Dole joined in discussions with Howard to promote Wichita's business climate, modern airport facilities, and location as attributes which match Piedmont's criteria in selecting a new hub center.

Piedmont's Howard said a decision would not be made for another 12 months, but that the support for Wichita shown by Dole makes it a strong contender against several other possible sites. It is estimated that Piedmont's decision would mean an additional 20 daily flights out of the new hub city and the creation of approximately 300 jobs.

Also meeting with Senator Dole were: Chairman Russell W. Meyer, Cessna Aircraft Corp.; Senior Vice President Lionel D. Alford, The Boeing Company; Finance Committee Chairman Lawrence M. Jones, The Coleman Co.; Chairman Jordan Haines, Fourth National Bank; Air Service Committee Chairman Charles W. Harris, The Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce; President Jerry M. Mallot, Wichita Chamber; Vice President of Economic Development Larry Danielson, Wichita Chamber; President Ed Flentje, Wichita Airport Authority; and Director of Aviation Bailis Bell, Wichita Airport Authority.