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DOLE HAILS NEW WATER AGREEMENT FOR KANSAS

Washington, DC -- Sen. Bob Dole has hailed a new water agreement between the state of Kansas and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and signed in Dole's Capitol office as a "guarantee for the next century of a dependable source of water" for the Sunflower State.

The agreement was signed last week, and gives the state the option to purchase up to 250,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Corps, which owns 17 reservoirs in Kansas. The agreement involves nine reservoirs, including Tuttle Creek, Pamona, Melvern, John Redmond, Marion, Council Grove, Elk City, Toronto and Fall River.

Sen. Dole said it took several years to negotiate the agreement. "There is a serious concern that our state's water supply may not be sufficient to meet demands in the future. This agreement will go a long way in alleviating that concern," noted Dole.

He added, "This agreement represents an innovative partnership between the federal government and the state government, resulting in a guarantee for the next century of a dependable source of water" for the state. The Corps' reservoirs, said Dole, were built by the government primarily for flood-control measures.

Dole said Kansas will receive a price break for purchasing all of the water specified in the agreement, which has a price tag of approximately \$39 million over the next 90 to 100 years.

Attending the signing ceremony were Dole, Assistant Secretary of the Army Robert Dawson and Joe Harkins, director of the Kansas Water Office.