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VA TO BUILD NEW REGIONAL FACILITY IN WICHITA

Washington, DC -- The Veterans Administration has the President's support for the construction of a new \$5.4 million regional facility in Wichita, Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) said today.

Funding for the new 51,850 square foot building is contained in the Administration's proposed 1988 budget, according to details released today. Sen. Dole said if approved by Congress, construction of the facility, on the VA's hospital grounds at 5500 East Kellogg, would be completed by the end of 1990.

Said Sen. Dole, "As our veterans' population grows older, the need for additional and more modern services increases. And it would be better if all the services are located at a one-stop location. Working with the VA, we proposed Wichita as the site of any new facilities in the immediate future. Of course I'm pleased the VA made this decision, and now with the President's support we're headed in the right direction. The Congress must still approve a budget - but I think we have a good opportunity to get the support needed to build this facility."

Dole said the new facility would house vocational rehabilitation and counseling services, loan and administration functions, and general support activities. The facility would be constructed so as to allow future expansion by adding another floor that would serve medical purposes, according to Dole.

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