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DOLE ANNOUNCES JOHNSON COUNTY GAINING FEDERAL OFFICE SPACE

Washington, D.C. -- Kansas Sen. Bob Dole today announced that the Department of Commerce will occupy 3500 square feet of office space at 110th and Roe Boulevard and employ 25-30 people beginning in October, 1987. The office space will house a Commerce Department pilot program to study the use of bank cards for Federal government purchasing.

"This is welcome news for Kansas. We look forward to increased Federal office space in the state and to serving as the headquarters for an innovative program," stated Senator Dole.

The demonstration project will test the feasibility of using bank cards for small purchases by authorized employees of various Federal agencies and departments. The bank cards are intended to provide a more efficient and cost-effective alternative to the existing purchasing procedure which requires field employees to submit voucher forms to merchants. The project will include an on-line authorization procedure to ensure proper usage and accountability.

The successful bid was awarded by the General Services Administration under the authority of the Office of Federal Procurement policy and the Office of Management and Budget. The agreement allows for one year of occupancy with two one year extensions and the option to lease a total of 6000 square feet.

Banking arrangements and procedure for the use of the bank cards have been finalized and will be announced by Commerce Department officials at the end of September.