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DOLE SECURES \$200,000 IN CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR KCK COURTHOUSE; PLANNING UNDERWAY IN KANSAS CITY

Washington, D.C. -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT \$200,000 IN SITE ACQUISITION FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED FOR A NEW FEDERAL COURTHOUSE BUILDING FOR KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. THE TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MARKED UP THE SPENDING MEASURE FOR THE COURTHOUSE IN THEIR FY 90 SPENDING MEASURE TODAY. THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO THE FULL SENATE FOR ACTION.

"I HAVE LONG BEEN A VOCAL SUPPORTER OF A NEW FEDERAL BUILDING IN KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AND WITH THIS INITIAL FUNDING THE PROJECT WILL SOON GET UNDERWAY. THIS BUILDING IS DESPERATELY NEEDED. THE OFFICES OF THE U.S. FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT ARE CRAMPED AND SPACE FOR OTHER FEDERAL OFFICES IS SEVERELY HAMPERED."

KCK OFFICIALS AND GSA ARE JOINTLY WORKING ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF A SITE, WHICH COULD COME AS EARLY AS THIS FALL. AT THE SAME TIME, GSA OFFICIALS ARE SOLICITING ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING FIRMS AND HOPE TO AWARD THAT CONTRACT IN DECEMBER 1989. THE DESIGN AWARD IS ESTIMATED TO BE AWARDED IN JUNE 1990 WITH A PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION DATE IN 1992.

"I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE GSA AND KCK OFFICIALS IN PLANNING FOR A SITE," SAID DOLE. "ADDITIONALLY, GSA CAN NOW BEGIN TO SELECT AN ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FIRM WITH THIS INITIAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING."

ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS WILL BE LISTED IN THE GSA FISCAL YEAR 1992 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. COST OF THE COMPLETED PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TOTAL \$39.4 MILLION.