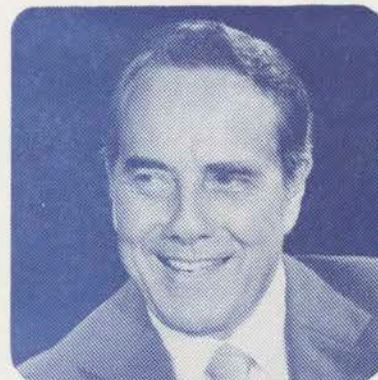


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## DOLE ANNOUNCES SEWER CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR HAYS BATTERY FIRM TO OCCUPY FORMER BAXTER-TRAVENOL PLANT

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY ANNOUNCED THE AWARD OF \$750,000 TO THE CITY OF HAYS FROM THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE MILES OF SEWER LINES TO SERVICE AN INDUSTRIAL PARK AND RESTORE VIABILITY TO AN UNUSED MANUFACTURING PLANT, FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY BAXTER-TRAVENOL, INC.

YUASA-EXIDE, A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY SET UP BY YUASA BATTERY OF JAPAN AND EXIDE CORPORATION, WILL EMPLOY A MINIMUM OF 200 FACTORY WORKERS AT THE FACILITY AND PRODUCE A SEALED BATTERY TO BE USED IN COMPUTER BACK-UP POWER SUPPLIES AND SAFETY APPLICATIONS.

"WE'RE HAPPY TO SEE THIS ACTION BECAUSE IT'LL PUT PEOPLE TO WORK AND RETURN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY TO A FACILITY THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, STOOD IDLE FOR SOME TIME," DOLE SAID. "I WANT TO COMMEND HAYS CITY MANAGER KEN CARTER FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK AND THE YUASA-EXIDE COMPANY FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO INVEST IN KANSAS AND THE CITY OF HAYS. TOGETHER, WE FOUGHT HARD TO BRING BAXTER-TRAVENOL TO HAYS. NOW, WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER AGAIN TO HELP YUASA-EXIDE GET STARTED," DOLE ADDED.

THE NEW SEWER TRUNK LIKE WILL BRING THE FACILITY UP TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) STANDARDS AND ALLOW IT TO OPERATE AS A MANUFACTURING FACILITY. WITHOUT THE LINES, THE PLANT WOULD HAVE REMAINED IDLE. THE NEW SEWER WILL ALSO RELIEVE OVERBURDENED LINES THAT SERVE OTHER PARTS OF HAYS. KNOWN AS THE NORTHWEST SANITARY SEWER TRUNK LINE, THE SYSTEM WILL CONNECT THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN SOUTHEAST HAYS WITH THE YUASA-EXIDE PLANT ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CITY AT I-70.

TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$2.2 MILLION WITH THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDING COMING FROM A \$300,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROVIDED BY THE STATE AND LOCAL BOND MONEY FROM THE CITY OF HAYS.

DOLE'S OFFICE BECAME INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT BY COORDINATING THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS WITH THE EDA AND CONVEYING THE SENATOR'S SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT.

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