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DOLE POSITIONS THREE KANSAS AIRPORTS TO GET \$1.15 MILLION IN INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEMS

Washington, D.C. -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THREE KANSAS AIRPORTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEMS IN FY 1990. THE FUNDING WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL, TO BE MARKED UP IN SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION THURSDAY.

THE THREE AIRPORTS, LOCATED IN OLATHE, LAWRENCE AND GREAT BEND, WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEMS. DOLE HAS BEEN PRESSING THE COMMITTEE FOR MONTHS TO INCLUDE THESE ITEMS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE.

"I AM PLEASED THAT THIS IMPORTANT PROVISION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BILL," SAID DOLE. "THIS EQUIPMENT WILL UPGRADE THE SERVICE AT EACH OF THESE THREE AIRPORTS AND ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THESE COMMUNITIES."

OLATHE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR 100 PERCENT FUNDING FROM THE AIRPORT AND AIRWAYS TRUST FUND TO COVER THE COST OF PURCHASING AND INSTALLING THE EQUIPMENT. THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WILL OWN AND OPERATE THE SYSTEM. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS \$500,000.

GREAT BEND AND LAWRENCE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY 90 PERCENT OF THE COST OF PURCHASING THE EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER THE CITIES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING 10 PERCENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE AND THE COSTS OF INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE. THE ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THE PROJECTS AT THE GREAT BEND AND LAWRENCE AIRPORTS ARE \$400,000 AND \$250,000 RESPECTIVELY.

AFTER SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP ON THURSDAY, THE MEASURE GOES TO FULL COMMITTEE, EXPECTED ON FRIDAY, AND THEN TO THE FULL SENATE NEXT WEEK.

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