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SENATOR DOLE COMMENTS ON GAO STUDY

WASHINGTON -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) ISSUED THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE REGARDING THE FINAL REPORT BY THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE STUDY ON THE HUD LEASE ACQUISITION CANCELLED BY THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

"THE STUDY HAS REVEALED A NUMBER OF ERRORS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE PROCESS. DEL STROMER, CURRENT GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE KANSAS CITY REGIONAL OFFICE, HAS MET WITH GAO INVESTIGATORS THROUGHOUT THE INVESTIGATION AND HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT THE SECOND ROUND BID PROCUREMENT IS UNBLEMISHED AND FAIR," SAID DOLE.

"I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN WILL BRING FAIRNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE NEW ROUND OF BIDS AND THAT THE SUCCESSFUL LOW BIDDER WILL BE SELECTED UPON THE MERITS OF GSA REGULATIONS," STATED SENATOR DOLE. "I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BID AWARD TOMORROW BY GSA."

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