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\$8.75 MILLION HEADED FOR SIX KANSAS AIRPORTS
"SIGNIFICANT BOOST FOR KANSAS AVIATION," SAYS DOLE

WASHINGTON - SIX KANSAS AIRPORTS WILL RECEIVE NEARLY NINE MILLION DOLLARS TO IMPROVE AIRPORT OPERATIONS - THE MAJORITY OF THOSE FUNDS BEING DISCRETIONARY AVIATION TRUST FUND MONIES - ACCORDING TO KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS).

OF THE \$8,754,309 OF AVIATION FUNDING COMING TO KANSAS, APPROXIMATELY \$7.25 MILLION IS DISCRETIONARY FUNDING PERSONALLY DIRECTED TO KANSAS BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SAMUEL SKINNER AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR DOLE.

THE FUNDING WILL ALLOW COMPLETION OF PROJECTS RANGING FROM LAND ACQUISITION AND TAXIWAY RECONSTRUCTION, TO PURCHASING RESCUE, FIREFIGHTING AND SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER IMPORTANT PROJECTS.

"THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT BOOST FOR KANSAS AVIATION. NOW THESE SIX KANSAS COMMUNITIES WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH THESE NECESSARY PROJECTS AND CONTINUE IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR AIRPORT FACILITIES FOR THE KANSAS AIR TRAVELER," SAID DOLE. "I ALSO WANT TO THANK SECRETARY SKINNER, WHOM I HAVE WORKED WITH CLOSELY. HE RECOGNIZES OUR NEEDS IN KANSAS AND HEARS OUR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE."

KANSAS AIRPORTS AND THE PROJECTS FUNDED INCLUDE:

MID-CONTINENT AIRPORT (WICHITA) - \$5,130,000 TO RECONSTRUCT TAXIWAY "D". (\$4.9 MILLION IS DISCRETIONARY)

ALLEN COUNTY AIRPORT (IOLA) - \$1,097,000 FOR SITE PREPARATION FOR RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION AND TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. (1/2 DISCRETIONARY, 1/2 FORMULA)

SALINA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (SALINA) - \$909,714 TO ACQUIRE AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIREFIGHTING VEHICLE AND TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE. (1/3 FORMULA, 2/3 DISCRETIONARY)

FORBES FIELD (TOPEKA) - \$866,005 TO REHABILITATE OVERLAY APRON AND INSTALL EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR. (ALL DISCRETIONARY)

LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (LAWRENCE) - \$472,140 TO SEAL AND COAT RUNWAY AND INSTALL RUNWAY LIGHTING. (ALL FORMULA)

LIBERAL MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (LIBERAL) - \$279,450 TO ACQUIRE SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT. (ALL DISCRETIONARY)

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