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DOLE HELPS SECURE MAJOR \$12.9 MILLION
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY GRANT FOR KANSAS;
COMMERCE SECRETARY MOSBACHER TELLS DOLE EFFORTS PAID OFF

WASHINGTON - SENATOR BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT KANSAS HAS WON A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANT TO HELP BUILD A \$12.9 MILLION MID-AMERICAN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CENTER (MAMTC) IN OVERLAND PARK. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ROBERT MOSBACHER, IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION JUST PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO CONGRESS LAST NIGHT, INFORMED SENATOR DOLE THAT KANSAS HAD COME OUT ON TOP IN THE MULTI-STATE COMPETITION.

"THIS IS GREAT NEWS FOR KANSAS," SAID SENATOR DOLE. "WE HAVE BEEN WORKING LONG AND HARD WITH THE WHITE HOUSE, OFFICIALS AT KTEC AND OTHER STATE OFFICIALS TO BRING KANSAS' PROPOSAL INTO THE SPOTLIGHT. IT'S CLEAR FROM MY CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY MOSBACHER THAT THEY LIKED WHAT THEY SAW. IT'S A QUALITY PROJECT."

MAMTC WOULD TRANSFER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND PROCESS PLANNING TO MORE THAN 2,600 SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURERS IN THE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA. MAMTC IS DEDICATED TO HELPING THESE ORGANIZATIONS INCORPORATE THIS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INTO THEIR OPERATIONS. THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL OVERSEE THE MAMTC PROGRAM.

SENATOR DOLE AND STAFF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PUSHING THE PROJECT AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, INCLUDING CONTACTING SECRETARY MOSBACHER SEVERAL TIMES SINCE DECEMBER. IN LAST NIGHT'S CONVERSATION, MOSBACHER TOLD DOLE THAT KANSAS HAD BESTED FINAL PROPOSALS FROM MINNESOTA, MICHIGAN AND PENNSYLVANIA.

"WE FELT THAT SINCE NIST HAD AWARDED FUNDING FOR THE FIRST THREE CENTERS IN STATES EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, KANSAS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A STRONG CONTENDER. IN FACT, KANSAS HAD THE ONLY PROPOSAL THAT WILL ALSO SUBSTANTIALLY BENEFIT THE NEEDS OF RURAL MANUFACTURERS," SAID DOLE.

THE PROPOSAL, WHICH SPANS SIX YEARS, COMBINES THE PRIVATE SECTOR, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY CENTERS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN A JOINT TECHNOLOGICAL EFFORT. THE PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- 0 ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE - KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
- 0 CENTER FOR PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT - WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
- 0 CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER - PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
- 0 GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- 0 TECH-INDUSTRY CONSULTANTS - JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- 0 WESTERN KANSAS TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

- 0 THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
- 0 KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND AREA VO-TECH SCHOOLS
- 0 KANSAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE
- 0 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
- 0 KANSAS REGENTS EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
- 0 KANSAS SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

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