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## WICHITA SBA DISTRICT DIRECTOR NAMED

WASHINGTON - KANSAS SENATORS BOB DOLE AND NANCY KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT GARY COOK HAS BEEN APPOINTED WICHITA DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA).

COOK CURRENTLY SERVES AS SBA ASSISTANT REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, REGION VII, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHICH INCLUDES KANSAS, MISSOURI, IOWA, AND NEBRASKA. HE ALSO SERVES AS THE SBA REPRESENTATIVE ON THE KANSAS STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

"GARY UNDERSTANDS THE NEEDS OF KANSAS AND THE MIDWEST," DOLE SAID. "THE DELEGATION WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH HIM TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT SMALL BUSINESS, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO RURAL KANSAS, REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

COOK WAS SELECTED BY AN SBA SELECTION PANEL, BASED ON THE CAREER MERIT SYSTEM, AND RECOMMENDED TO THE SBA ADMINISTRATOR FOR FINAL APPOINTMENT. THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR POST SERVES 77 COUNTIES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN KANSAS. THE APPOINTMENT IS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1.