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DOLE BRINGS PERSIAN GULF JOBS CONFERENCE TO WICHITA:
FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO ASSIST KANSANS
SEEKING KUWAITI RECONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today announced that he is bringing a special jobs conference to Wichita to help Kansas companies and workers participate in the multi-billion dollar reconstruction of Kuwait.

Dole is hosting the Small Business Administration's "Opportunities in Kuwait" conference which will be held Saturday, May 18 at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Wichita.

Dole: Kansas Foot in the Door

"The monumental rebuilding of Kuwait is just beginning, and I want to make certain Kansas gets its foot in the door," Dole said. "Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States is eager for American workers to get the job done, and we have personally discussed the ability of Kansas firms to help with this massive effort."

"Thanks to the Small Business Administration, Kansas small businesses and individuals will get the best and most up-to-date information -- in person -- on opportunities to participate in rebuilding Kuwait. No doubt about it, it's a big job, and our great Kansas workforce deserves its fair share of reconstructing the nation American forces risked their lives to liberate," Dole added.

Conference Agenda

The Dole conference will feature presentations by leading government officials and private sector experts. Among the topics addressed will be: financing export opportunities; a private sector overview of the Kuwait situation; what firms are bidding on specific contracts; whom to contact at American contractors; contacts in Kuwait; the availability of federal assistance; and legal aspects of participation in rebuilding Kuwait.

Kuwait Timetable & Goals

According to Dole, Kuwait will be reconstructed in two phases. Phase one focuses on emergency relief and damage assessment, especially food, water, medicine and communications. U.S. companies have won seventy percent of the hundreds of contracts already awarded under this phase. The second phase, which will take years to finish, will focus on the complete restoration of Kuwait's economic infrastructure, including its consumer, manufacturing, health care, food and oil industries.

The registration fee for the day-long conference, which defrays the cost of the symposium and includes a continental breakfast and lunch, is \$45. Veterans are eligible for a special rate of \$25. Those interested in attending the conference are encouraged to call the SBA at 316-269-6273.