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DOLE ANNOUNCES KUWAIT REBUILDING CONFERENCE SPEAKERS;
KUWAIT GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, CONTRACTORS, FEDERAL EXPERTS, BANKERS TO
PROVIDE KEY INFORMATION TO KANSAS FIRMS SEEKING WORK IN GULF

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today unveiled an impressive array of experts who will make presentations to Kansas firms at the Small Business Administration's "Kuwait Reconstruction Conference" that Dole will host in Wichita on May 18th. The day-long seminar is designed to help Kansas companies participate in the multi-billion dollar reconstruction of Kuwait.

The Dole conference, the first of its kind in America, will feature presentations by leading government officials and private sector experts, including a personal representative of Kuwait's Ambassador to the U.S.

"No doubt about it, American workers will be toiling in Kuwait for years to come," Dole said. "By taking advantage of the experts at this conference, Kansas firms will get the best and most up-to-date information on how they can compete for their share of this multi-billion dollar job."

Among the topics addressed at the conference will be: financing export opportunities; a private sector overview of the Kuwait situation; what firms are bidding on specific contracts; American firms who are expected to be seeking subcontractors; the availability of federal assistance; and legal aspects of participating in rebuilding Kuwait.

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

Speakers Confirmed

Dr. Abdul-Hadi Al'Awadhi

Deputy Director, Kuwait Emergency & Recovery Program, Washington

Michael W. Owen

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics, & the Environment, the Pentagon

Patrick Flaherty

Fluor Corporation, Kuwait Task Force

Anna Anderson

International Division, Bank IV, Wichita

John Querner

Owner & President of Kreonite, Inc. of Wichita

Justin Schaefer

Head of International Division, Marley Cooling Towers

Richard Held

President, Held & Associates Freight Forwarding firm, K.C.

George D. Lavid

Trade Specialist, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Wichita

Judy Hancock

International Division of Spencer, Fane, Britt & Brown law firm in Kansas City

Tim Baker

International Division, Mercantile Bank of Kansas City

John Lonsberg

International Division of St. Louis law firm Bryan, Cave, McPheeters, & McRoberts, Saudi Arabia

Dr. Allen Mandell

Head of International Finance, Small Business Administration, Washington

Also Confirmed - representatives of Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Washington; Export-Import Bank, Washington; & Sherman, Goeltz & Berkfalk, Kansas City, International Public Relations Firm representing several firms in Kuwait

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