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TWO KANSAS FIRMS WIN \$248,614 IN HIGH-TECH GRANTS
FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that two Kansas companies have been awarded a total of \$248,614 for outstanding research and development proposals under the U.S. Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program.

A. U. Software, Inc., 341 North Clifton, Wichita, was selected by the Department of Education to receive \$198,815 in grant money to develop their proposal involving a decentralized focus learning inservice model with computerized assessment and record keeping.

B & D Instruments and Avionics, Valley Center, was selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to receive \$49,799 in funding for their proposal examining the feasibility in the evaluation of PVDF film as a pressure sensor.

"These two Kansas companies have delivered the high-tech knowledge and ideas it takes to win these highly competitive research and development grants. This funding will certainly be an incentive for our nation's small businesses to continue to develop top-notch research needed for our nation's future," said Dole.

SBIR is a competitive award program in which agencies of the federal government annually award specific research and development proposals to small businesses. More than \$2.2 billion has been awarded for research and development projects by nearly 15,000 small businesses since the SBIR program began in 1983. The SBA monitors the SBIR program.

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