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GREAT BEND, GARDEN CITY, HUTCHINSON
TO RECEIVE NEW, UPGRADED PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE

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"This funding's boost for college-based broadcasting is more good news for our state's outstanding education system," Dole said. "I'm pleased that the Commerce Department agrees with me that these educational and information-oriented Kansas projects are good investments."

The grants include:

HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE/GREAT BEND: \$399,398

Hutchinson Community College will receive \$399,598 to activate a new 50 KW public radio station in Great Bend. The station will repeat the signal of Hutchinson Community College's public station KHCC-FM, Hutchinson. The signal will provide service to 61,564 residents of Great Bend, Russell, Larned and the surrounding areas. Total cost of the project is \$532,798.

PIERCEVILLE/GARDEN CITY: \$72,000

KANZA Society, Inc., Pierceville, will receive \$72,000 to upgrade and replace production and test equipment at KANZ-FM, Pierceville. KANZ-FM intends to relocate studio facilities to Garden City, and will need new satellite equipment. The station currently serves western Kansas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and Southeast Colorado. Total cost of the project is \$145,000.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY: \$33,660

Wichita State University will receive \$33,660 to activate a new single-channel Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) repeater station in Hutchinson on WHR-970. Residents in Hutchinson, McPherson, Hesston, Sterling and the surrounding areas will be able to receive the programming. The total cost of the project is \$67,320.

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