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DOLE ANNOUNCES MAJOR CONTRACT AWARD FOR WORK AT PARSONS;
KAAP TO GET SHARE OF \$135 MILLION IN ARMY & AIR FORCE PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON - SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY ANNOUNCED TWO CONTRACT AWARDS THAT WILL BRING MAJOR WORK TO THE KANSAS ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT IN PARSONS, KANSAS.

THE ARMY AWARDED A CONTRACT MODIFICATION VALUED AT OVER \$95 MILLION TO AEROJET ORDNANCE COMPANY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 7,775 CBU-87 CEM CLUSTER BOMBS AND DISPENSERS AND 650,400 BOMBLETS. DOLE ALSO ANNOUNCED AN AIR FORCE CONTRACT AWARD VALUED AT NEARLY \$40 MILLION TO ALLIANT TECHSYSTEMS OF EDINA, MINNESOTA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 2,875 CBU-87 CEM CLUSTER BOMBS AND DISPENSERS, 20 CBU-87 TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILE VARIANT CLUSTER BOMB WAR HEADS, AND 100,000 COMBINED EFFECTS BOMBLETS.

UNDER THESE CONTRACTS, THE FINAL LOAD, ASSEMBLY, AND PACK IS PERFORMED AT THE KANSAS ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT IN PARSONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF DAY & ZIMMERMANN, THE PLANT OPERATOR. APPROXIMATELY 25% OF THE TOTAL WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE PARSONS PLANT.

"NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THESE CLUSTER BOMBS WERE PROVEN WINNERS IN AMERICA'S ARSENAL AGAINST SADDAM HUSSEIN'S WAR MACHINE," DOLE SAID. "THIS ORDNANCE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN SAVING AMERICAN LIVES IN OPERATION DESERT STORM, BY CLEARING IRAQI MINEFIELDS AND HELPING BRING THE LAND WAR TO A SPEEDY CONCLUSION."

"THE WORKERS AT THE KANSAS ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT ARE AMONG THE UNSUNG HEROES OF OPERATION DESERT STORM, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE PRODUCTION LINE WHEN I VISIT THE PLANT ON OCTOBER 20TH," DOLE SAID. "I'M PLEASED THAT BOTH THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE CONTINUE TO AGREE WITH ME AND RECOGNIZE THAT MAINTAINING PRODUCTION OF THIS MADE-IN-KANSAS WEAPONRY IS A PRIORITY."

THIS NEW PRODUCTION IS TO REPLACE STOCKS OF CLUSTER BOMBS WHICH WERE EXPENDED DURING OPERATION DESERT STORM.

SENATOR DOLE PLANS TO VISIT THE KAAP ON OCTOBER 20TH, AND HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING IN PARSONS ON OCTOBER 21ST.

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