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*Space Program*

Mr. Steve H. Nelson  
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Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for your letter of May 28, and enclosed listing of potential Kansas bidders for subcontracting under the Space Shuttle Program.

Your listing appears to be quite complete. However, if you have further questions, would suggest you contact Mr. Ray Arvin, Director of the Aviation Division, Kansas State Department of Economic Development, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

Thank you again, and I appreciate your interest in including Kansas in your listing of prospective bidders.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
U. S. Senate

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Office of the Honorable Robert Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20025



Dear Sir:

North American Rockwell Corporation, Space Division (NR/SD), is currently under contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for the Space Shuttle Program Phase "B" Preliminary Design Study.

Enclosed is a brochure which briefly describes the Space Shuttle vehicle, its missions and the program's challenges. In view of the national importance of the Space Shuttle Program, NR/SD and NASA are desirous of achieving the greatest possible geographic distribution of subcontractor participation.

By way of comparison, on that portion of the Apollo Program for which the NR Space Division was responsible, we succeeded in subcontracting in excess of \$1,700,000,000 of effort with approximately 80% of the purchase orders awarded going to small businesses. Geographic distribution of the Apollo subcontract effort reached 46 states.

In preparation for some of the hardware production phase in the Shuttle Program, currently planned for the Spring of 1972, we are identifying and evaluating prospective subcontractors and suppliers who possess the capability to economically produce aerospace quality hardware. Using the resources available to us, we have developed a prospective source list. The 28 sources in your state which we have contacted to determine their interest and capability for proposing on a competitive procurement are listed on the attachment to this letter. The assistance of your office is requested in helping us to expand this list, either



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personally or by referring us to a cognizant agency in your state. All firms you recommend will be contacted to determine their interest in being added to the Space Shuttle bidder list. This list, after being fully developed, will be used in soliciting competitive proposals from firms who have the technical and production capability for providing aerospace hardware.

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated. If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL CORPORATION

S. H. Nelson  
Director - Subcontracting  
Space Division

Enclosure



POTENTIAL SHUTTLE BIDDERS LIST FOR THE  
STATE OF KANSAS

Associated Co., Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Astropolymer Laboratories, Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Beech Aircraft Corporation  
Wichita, Kansas

Bonzer, Inc.  
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Buckley Industries  
Wichita, Kansas

Cessna Aircraft Co.  
Wichita, Kansas

Degree Corporation  
Kansas City, Kansas

Edo-Aire Wichita  
Wichita, Kansas

Gates Learjet Corporation  
Wichita, Kansas

Hisonic, Inc.  
Olathe, Kansas

Instrument & Flight Research Corp.  
Wichita, Kansas

King Radio Corporation  
Olathe, Kansas

Langdon Manufacturing Co.  
Wichita, Kansas

Mid-West Metal Products  
Kansas City, Kansas

Miro-Flex, Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

MKC Electronics, Corporation  
Kansas City, Kansas

Plastic Fabricating Co., Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Precision Pattern, Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Product Development Group, Inc.  
Rose Hill, Kansas

Progressive Manufacturing Co.  
Kansas City, Kansas

Puritan Equipment, Inc.  
Lenexa, Kansas

Rixon Electronics, Inc.  
Sub. of United Business Communications  
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Tweco Products, Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Union Machine & Tool Work  
Kansas City, Kansas

Western Iron & Foundry Co., Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Wichita Ponca Canvas Products, Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

Wilco, Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas

W-T Equipment Co., Inc.  
Neodesha, Kansas