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Space Program

Mr. S. H. Nelson
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Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding subcontract proposals in the event North American Rockwell is successful in winning a contract for the production phase of the Space Shuttle Program.

I appreciate your keeping me informed of the impact North American Rockwell subcontracting would have on Kansas Industries.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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*Thanks appreciate
being kept informed
appreciate impact on
Kansas industries*



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12214 Lakewood Boulevard
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May 26, 1972

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

Dear Sir:

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You will recall that in May of 1971 I contacted your office for the purpose of securing up-to-date information regarding possible candidate bidders for substantial portions of subcontract work we, the North American Rockwell Space Division, would plan on awarding in the event we were successful in winning the production phase of the Space Shuttle Program.

The purpose of this follow-up letter is to report to you that, as the next step in our subcontract planning, we have recently sent proposal requests for major subcontract efforts, in terms of dollar and potential employment, to the firms listed herein, within your state. These proposal requests represent our initial and, in aerospace terminology, some of the "long lead time" requirements only, as we are still in the process of determining what the total geographic potential for subcontract work will be. Our planning for subcontract disbursement takes labor surplus situations into account and, further, support to small and minority owned businesses, by geographic location. As the result of our studies we believe we have a very sound plan for assuring optimum subcontract and employment disbursement under the Shuttle prime contract.

Also, I am sure you understand that from major subcontractor placements many sub-tier flow down benefits accrue in the general geographic area where large subcontracts would be placed.

Three requests for proposal were sent to the Beech Aircraft Corporation, Wichita, for the Space Radiator, Air Breathing Engine System Ferry Tank/Main Tank, and Air Breathing Engine System Nacelles Plus Pylons.



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The request for proposal interest and response is merely our first effort. In addition, it is expected that approximately \$500,000,000 in procurement for less complex systems will be bid in many locales on a competitive basis shortly after the Shuttle prime contract award. By way of comparison, on that portion of the Apollo Program for which the NR Space Division was responsible, we succeeded in awarding in excess of \$8,440,000 to Kansas between the period 1962 to 1970, with \$6,879,000 being placed with small business firms.

Enclosed for your information is a Shuttle brochure entitled - "Blueprint for the Future".

As additional significant accomplishments and progress are made in the subcontracting activity within Kansas, I will continue to advise you. Should you, or your staff, desire further information, please contact me. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL CORPORATION

S. H. Nelson
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Enclosure