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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran made the following statement after U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) signed a record of decision naming Kansas State University in Manhattan the future home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). The announcement finalizes the recommendation made last month by DHS for Manhattan to be the location for the federal scientific laboratory.

"This is the good news we've been looking forward to, especially as our economy continues to struggle," Moran said. "The right choice was made today to confirm Manhattan as the location to conduct the critical animal disease research needed to secure America's food supply. This world class research facility will benefit Kansans for years to come - protecting our agriculture industries, growing our economy and providing an opportunity for our best and brightest young people to stay and work in Kansas. I am working in Congress to make certain that funding for NBAF construction and research is a top national priority."

NBAF will be a home for scientists from DHS, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services. Studies conducted at the federal scientific laboratory will research ways to protect citizens and animals from the threat of disease.

As a member of the Kansas NBAF Task Force, bringing NBAF to Kansas has been a top priority for Moran.

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