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### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AREAS CHANGE Northwest and Central Louisiana Parishes Affected**

ALEXANDRIA, September 16, 2003 — USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana through business, housing, water and waste, and community facilities programs. Rural Development offices are located throughout Louisiana to serve rural customers.

Michael B. Taylor, USDA Rural Development State Director in Louisiana, announced today changes in service areas for northwest and central Louisiana. “Based on current office caseload and activity, the needs of the residents of northwest and central Louisiana can be more efficiently served by these changes,” said Taylor. “Rural Development is committed to being responsive to our customers’ needs, and this change will ensure better service to our customers.”

Effective September 21, 2003, residents of the following parishes will be served by the offices indicated:

#### **Parishes: DeSoto, Red River, Bienville**

Coushatta Part-time Office  
1311 Ringgold Avenue  
Coushatta, Louisiana 71019  
Telephone: (318) 932-4231, extension 4  
Office Day/Hours: Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Contact: Denise Robinson

#### **Parishes: Caddo, Bossier, Webster**

Shreveport Satellite Office  
1402 Hawn Avenue  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71107  
Telephone: (318) 676-3461, extension 4  
Office Day/Hours: Tuesday,  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Contact: Laurie Price

Minden Part-time Office  
216 B. Broadway  
Minden, Louisiana 71055  
Telephone: (318) 377-1871, extension 4  
Office Day/Hours: Thursday,  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Contact: Laurie Price

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**Parishes: Natchitoches, Sabine, Vernon, Winn**

Natchitoches Area Office  
6949 Highway 1 Bypass, Suite 103  
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457  
Telephone: (318) 352-7100, extension 4  
Office Day/Hours: Tuesday,  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Contact: Reinette Foster

Leesville Part-time Office  
1100 South Third Street, Suite C  
Leesville, Louisiana 71446  
Telephone: (337) 239-2193, extension 4  
Office Day/Hours: Thursday,  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Contact: Reinette Foster

**Parishes: Rapides, Grant**

Alexandria Local Office  
3736 Government Street, Suite A  
Alexandria, Louisiana 71302  
Telephone: (318) 473-7710, extension 4  
Office Day/Hours: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Contact: Brian Lewis

**Parish: Avoyelles**

Marksville Part-time Office  
313 North Monroe Street  
Marksville, Louisiana 71351  
Telephone: (318) 253-9235  
Office Day/Hours: Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Tony Matlock

In addition to the locations listed, area office personnel are available to serve customers at the Rural Development Area Office in Natchitoches, Louisiana, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Natchitoches Area Office is located at 6949 Highway 1 Bypass, Suite 103, Natchitoches, Louisiana, telephone (318) 352-7100, extension 4.

The Louisiana Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, and the telephone number is (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development's loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting Rural Development's web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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