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DONNA MARTIN RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Donna Martin, Area Specialist. Ms. Martin was recognized by James C. Alsop, Deputy Administrator, Community Facilities Division in Washington, D.C. for her contributions in implementing the Community Facilities Guaranteed Program to improve the quality of life of Missouri's rural residents.



“I am pleased to recognize Donna for her success in utilizing Rural Development’s guaranteed programs and for her dedicated service in providing exceptional assistance to rural residents,” said Westfall. “Donna is headquartered out of Farmington and is responsible for USDA Rural Development loan and grant programs for the financing of centralized water and waste disposal systems and other essential community facilities in a 17 county area in East-Central Missouri.” Mr. Westfall added, “In addition to the guaranteed Community Facilities loan, Donna also was successful in making the first guaranteed water loan in the state last year”.

Rural Development is the primary credit arm of USDA and administers a variety of loan and grant programs to thousands of individuals, families, businesses and communities in Missouri. These funds are used to provide quality housing, good jobs, clean drinking water and waste disposal systems plus reliable modern essential community facilities and services in rural areas. On a national level, there is increased emphasis on partnering with local lending institutions to provide guaranteed loans to finance projects that have historically been funded through direct loans and grants from USDA Rural Development.

Lenders that may be interested in any of the USDA Rural Development guaranteed programs should contact the Area Office located at the USDA Service Center, 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, Missouri, 63640 or by calling 573-756-6413 or visiting the web site of www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo for Missouri Rural Development.

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