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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$42,000 TO HENRY COUNTY INDUSTRIES, INC.

Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director for USDA, Rural Development, presented mock checks to the Henry County Industries, Inc. sheltered workshop on July 21, 2008.

In a ceremony held at the sheltered workshop building in Clinton, Missouri, Henry County Industries, Inc. was the recipient of \$42,000 in Rural Business Enterprise Grants. The funds were for the purchase of a commercial paper shredder, cardboard baler and a 24' box van for the sheltered workshop.



“Today’s announcement highlights the local leadership and the commitment of the USDA Rural Development staff. They are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. The entire community will benefit from these efforts,” said Senator Kit Bond.

“Sheltered workshops provide many Missourians with an opportunity to work when they may not otherwise have the chance”, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I am pleased that the workshop in Henry County will receive the equipment they need to continue this successful program.”

“Henry County Industries, Inc. plays a vital role in the life of the community. I am pleased that this organization will be awarded funding from the USDA, Rural Development grant and loan program. Through the grant and loan program, Henry County Industries, Inc. will have the funds to purchase much needed equipment, and as a result improve their operations,” Skelton said.

“Sheltered workshops of the kind found in Henry County provide an essential service to their communities,” said Westfall. These projects mirror USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that the community will benefit from the services of the sheltered workshop. Special thanks are

extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for funding these projects.

Anyone seeking more information about the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Higginsville Sub Area Office at 20 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 102, Higginsville, MO 64037 or by calling (660) 584-8732 extension 4.

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