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SWEET SPRINGS, INC. PURCHASES PUMPER FIRE TRUCK WITH AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

In a ceremony on March 25, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, State Director, USDA Rural Development, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sweet Springs, Inc.

The certificate was presented in recognition of Sweet Springs, Inc. and their efforts to stimulate the economy by utilizing loan funds of \$67,150 and grant funds of \$11,850 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These USDA Rural Development ARRA funds were in the form of a Community Facility Loan and Community Facility Grant and will finance the purchase of a pumper fire truck. Sweet Springs, Inc. is a non-profit entity that will lease the pumper truck to the City of Sweet Springs on an annual basis to aid the City in the delivery of their fire protection services to the 1,628 residents.



Left to right, front row: Janie Dunning; Rural Development State Director; Raymond Kinney, Mayor & President of Sweet Springs, Inc.; Kyle Wilkens, and U.S. Representative Ike Skelton's office. Back row, left to right: Lewis Bybee, alderman; Bruce Hoyes; Todd Anderson; Michael Clevenger; Travis Zimmerman, Rural Development Area Specialist; and Greg Razer, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's office. Present but not pictured: Mark Simmons, Area Specialist; Rhonda Nienhueser, City Clerk.

“Providing funds to Missouri businesses for new safety equipment is critical to the well-being of our communities,” said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. “I’m pleased that these federal funds will help provide a new fire truck for Sweet Springs’s brave first responders.”

“As Missouri continues to suffer from the worst economic recession since the 1930s, the need for public safety equipment has not diminished,” said U.S. Representative Ike Skelton. “Just like any other emergency personnel, firefighters cannot perform their jobs without adequate gear and machinery. Without federal help, many rural areas would not be able to afford expensive machinery like this new pumper truck. I am pleased that Rural Development funds will be used in such a worthy manner.”

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community,” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural

Development's mission and President Obama'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 this central Missouri community will benefit by having a reliable fire protection system."

Dunning added, "Appreciation is also extended to our federal elected officials for supporting the USDA Rural Development programs. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Anyone seeking more information about USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Clinton Area Office at 1306 North 2nd Street, Clinton, MO 64735 or by calling (660)885-5567 ext 5.

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