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**USDA FUNDS IMPROVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES
IN GOTHENBURG AREA**

Kearney, Neb., September 27—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development has approved a \$2,530,000 loan to the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital, Inc. to improve health care services to residents in Dawson County and surrounding areas.

The service area of the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital has been designated as medically underserved and an area that has a shortage of medical professionals. The loan funds will be used to remodel 15,850 square feet of the existing hospital space, construct a 7,460 square foot addition, and purchase approximately \$200,000 in equipment. The loan will be repaid over 40 years at 4.75%.

Additional leveraging funds for this project were also received from the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital Foundation in the amount of \$750,000 and Gothenburg Memorial Hospital District in the amount of \$400,000.

“I am very excited to work with the hospital in making the improvements and renovations to the present building, which will be helping the rural and community residents of the surrounding area. The mission of USDA Rural Development is to help the rural communities,” stated Glen G. Gatz, Rural Development Specialist.

“We are very grateful for all the time and effort put forth by the USDA Rural Development office in the loan application process and are looking forward to working with them through the construction process. I would also like to thank the USDA representatives from the Kearney and Lincoln offices for their help and continued support in making this happen for the community of Gothenburg,” stated John Johnson, CEO, Gothenburg Memorial Hospital.

The USDA funds for this project were provided through the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Direct Loan Program. For additional information contact Glen G. Gatz at 4009 North 6th Avenue, P.O. Box 730, Kearney, NE 68848-0730 or phone (308) 237-3118. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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