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NEW USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE JOINS SCOTTSBLUFF USDA SERVICE CENTER

Scottsbluff, Nebraska, March 12, 2004-The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development announces that Timothy Brooks has joined its Scottsbluff staff. Brooks will serve as the Rural Development Specialist providing technical assistance in the areas of housing and business for Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux counties.

The USDA Service Center located at 818 Ferdinand Plaza, Suite B in Scottsbluff houses the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development.

"I am pleased to be part of the USDA team here in Scottsbluff," stated Brooks. "I encourage the public to contact me with their housing and business needs."

Brooks will assist rural residents with their home purchases through the Guaranteed Home Ownership Loan program. Via the Business and Industry Loan Guarantee, Intermediary Relending Program, Rural Business Enterprise Grant, Rural Business Opportunity Grant, Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant and Cooperative Services programs, Brooks will assist with rural business creation and expansion. Information regarding USDA Rural Development's additional programs, such as the Community Facilities Direct and Guaranteed Loan and Grant programs that provide for streets, community buildings, libraries, senior citizen centers, day care centers, hospitals, clinics, assisted living facilities and more, will also be available.

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