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RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS DUNDY COUNTY HOSPITAL WITH HVAC SYSTEM

Benkelman, Neb., September 2, 2008— Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, Neb. received a near \$1.4 million loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development for a new HVAC system. The hospital is contributing \$100,000 towards the project along with \$50,000 from BWTelcom.

“We are very excited about this project,” stated Chairman Richard Parman, Board of Trustees-Dundy County Hospital. “The old HVAC system is in need of replacement. The major benefit will be the vastly improved levels of comfort for our patients.”

The new HVAC system will heat and cool 20,000 square feet of the original portion of the hospital that was built in 1967. The extension of the automatic fire suppression system will also be completed in this area. Forty year old room registers will be replaced by rooftop air handling units that will distribute heated and chilled air to the major section of the building.

“USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist Dundy County Hospital with replacing their outdated HVAC system,” stated Area Specialist Roberta Mues, USDA Rural Development. “Patients and staff will have greater comfort through the controlled temperatures and improved air quality offered from the new system.”

The Rural Development loan will be for 20 years at 4.50 percent interest.

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