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USDA ANNOUNCES APPLICATION TIMEFRAME FOR HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANTS

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 22, 2008– The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development published a NOTICE in the February 20, 2008 Federal Register announcing the timeframe and guidelines for applications to be submitted under the Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. Applications are awarded funding based on a national competitive application process.

Housing Preservation Grants (HPG) provide funding to selected recipient organizations (grantee) to develop programs that financially assist in the repair and rehabilitation of individually owned housing, rental properties, or co-ops owned and/or occupied by eligible households. Potential applicants include qualified state and local governments, private nonprofit organizations, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, or a consortium of eligible entities. Applications are to be delivered by 5 p.m. CT on April 21, 2008 to USDA Rural Development; Rm. 152 Federal Building; 100 Centennial Mall North; Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3888.

Contact the Nebraska USDA Rural Development State Office for additional information at (402) 437-5557. Visit: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> to view the notice of funding availability for the housing preservation grant program published in the Federal Register: February 20, 2008 Volume 73, Number 34, Notices, Pages 9273-9277.

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