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BEATRICE AND SURROUNDING AREAS PROVIDED USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE THROUGH LINCOLN OFFICE

Lincoln, Neb., January 7, 2008—The USDA Rural Development area office in Lincoln has expanded its’ program delivery region to include Beatrice and surrounding areas. The Beatrice Rural Development office that previously covered this area closed in October 2007. This closure was part of the business plan that realigned offices across the state in order to achieve greater consistency in the delivery of programs and to reduce costs.

“Rural residents and communities in the area served by the Beatrice office can expect the same diligence in the delivery of USDA Rural Development programs,” stated Roger Meeks, area director for Lincoln USDA Rural Development area office. “The Lincoln area office provides the ability to deliver all Rural Development programs, providing greater service to our customers.”

USDA Rural Development provides more than \$100 million annually in federal assistance to rural Nebraska in areas of housing, business, community facilities, utilities and energy -- helping to build communities that are strong and sustainable.

An USDA Rural Development representative will be available by appointment only in the USDA Service Center in Beatrice. If you would like to discuss Rural Development programs available, or to set up an appointment, please contact the Lincoln area office at (402) 423-9683 ext. 4. Interested parties may also stop by the area office at 8000 South 15th St. Suite E Lincoln, Neb. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne.

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