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Free Session for Lenders on USDA Rural Development and Small Business Administration Guaranteed Loan Programs

Lincoln, Neb., March 12, 2008 –The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development and the Small Business Administration will host a free informational seminar for lenders at the Farm Bureau in Lincoln on Tuesday, March 25th from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Special guest and on the program is United States Congressman Jeff Fortenberry. Guaranteed loan programs available to assist in building and growing rural communities will be topics of discussion.

Learn how you can increase your bank's profitability and productivity while increasing your visibility in economic development for the communities you serve. Attend and listen to presentations regarding guarantees available for commercial loans, community development and housing needs. Panel discussions will feature representatives from USDA Rural Development, Small Business Administration (SBA), Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Counselors to America's Small Business (SCORE) and the Nebraska Business Development Center.

To register contact Barbara Foster of SBA at (402) 221-4691 or barbara.foster@sba.gov. Registration and check-in will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The Farm Bureau is located at 5225 South 16th in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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