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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT STAFF COMPLETES SCHOOLS OF BANKING FINANCIAL ANALYSIS TRAINING

LINCOLN, Neb., October 2, 2008 –USDA Rural Development employees from Nebraska and Kansas recently completed Financial Analysis Training from the Schools of Banking Commercial Lending Curriculum.

Michael Wear, instructor from the Schools of Banking and curriculum author, led 30 Nebraska and 13 Kansas Rural Development employees through the curriculum. The Schools of Banking, Inc. is a joint venture between the Nebraska Bankers Association (NBA) and the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA).

Among many topics covered during this four-day training, students were educated in Loan Structure & Credit Administration, Historical Financial Analysis, Personal Financial Statements, Ratio Calculations and Cash Flows.

This training supports USDA Rural Development’s on-going efforts to establish relationships with lenders and increase processing efficiency, while continuing to maintain high levels of lender satisfaction.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development has invested more than \$90 billion since 2001 for equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development and critical community and technology infrastructure. More than 1.7 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development Office or by visiting USDA Rural Development’s website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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