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CONGRESSMAN SMITH HELPS USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT DELIVER OVER \$254,000 TO RURAL NEBRASKA

BROKEN BOW, Neb., October 22, 2008 – United States Congressman Adrian Smith and USDA Rural Development Nebraska State Director Scot Blehm presented ceremonial checks today to 17 recipients totaling \$254,195 that will provide for increased energy efficiency.

“Nebraska has long been known as the home of the Good Life,” Smith said. “The future of our rural communities will be formed by the hard work and innovation of our community leaders. These projects will help strengthen our communities, and I commend all involved for their efforts to improve Nebraska.”

Energy Grant Recipients:

Lawrence Harbour, dba LBThoroughly-Broken Bow-\$8,657 for a geothermal system.

Richard Summers-Gibbon-\$13,350 to convert from propane to diesel, gravity to pivot.

OBF Enterprises, Inc.-Kearney-\$3,873 to install overhead doors and lights.

Larry Stengel-Ravenna-\$17,592 to convert gravity to pivot, natural gas to electric.

Larry Young-Comstock-\$4,642 convert diesel engine to electric.

Charles Blowers-Gothenburg-\$3,969 convert diesel engine to electric.

James Brennan-Overton-\$27,626 convert from gravity to pivot.

School Creek Farms-Oxford-\$7,427 convert from natural gas and diesel to electric.

Steven Teter-Arapahoe-\$49,509 convert from gravity to sub surface drip system.

Anderbery & Olson Partnership-Axtell-\$26,161 convert diesel engine to electric, gravity to pivot.

Phil Hinrichs, LLC-Holdrege-\$17,895 to install HVAC, siding and insulation.

Conrad Smith-Kearney-\$8,870 convert diesel engine to electric.

Glen Duncan-Kearney-\$22,541 convert gravity to pivot.

Long View Farms, Inc.-Oxford-\$15,189 to convert from diesel and natural gas to electric.

4-S Farms, Inc.-Phillips-\$20,909 convert diesel engine to electric, subsurface drip system.

Marvin Dowse-Sargent-\$4,242 for rotophase, underground pipe.

The Shepherd's Inn Bed & Breakfast-Ord-\$1,743 to replace HVAC system.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to delivering the funding needed to help rural communities to succeed and remain strong,” stated Blehm. “We are pleased to report a record year in project funding which means more dollars pumped into Nebraska to keep its’ rural communities viable. I applaud the recipients here today and their active participation in securing the funding needed.”

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Committed to the future of rural communities.

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In Fiscal Year 2008, USDA Rural Development delivered more than \$189.8 million to rural Nebraska. Housing funds delivered totaled \$70.6 million, community facilities \$11 million, utilities \$22.4 million, business \$18.9 million, telecommunications \$51.3 million and electric \$15.6 million.

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