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Hub's Statewide Networking Session Huge Success

Morgantown, WV – April 29, 2010: USDA Rural Development's State Director Bobby Lewis, Community Facilities Specialist Paula Moeller, Area Specialist Steven Poe and Public Affairs Specialist Gail Bennett were four among over 100 that attended the networking opportunity provided by West Virginia Community Development Hub, Inc., on April 28. The session took place at the Bridgeport Conference Center, Harrison County, where the attendees participated through both structured and informal exercises.

"This was a great opportunity and a huge success. The folks attending have such a passion to share ideas, work together and succeed in their communities," stated Kent Spellman, Executive Director of The Hub.

During the afternoon activities, The Hub was presented with a ceremonial check for \$251,706 by USDA Rural Development State Director Bobby Lewis. The Hub was approved for a Rural Community Development Initiative Grant through Rural Development's Community Facilities program earlier this month. Those funds will be used to provide technical assistance and training funds to the West Virginia Community Development Hub, who will act as an intermediary to development capacity for ten rural WV communities. More detailed information about this particular networking session and WV Community Development Hub, Inc., may be found on their website at www.wvhub.org.

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