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USDA Rural Development Participating in Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Library and Senior Citizen/Community Center in Rowan

Rural Development Providing \$95,000 Grant to Assist with Construction Costs

ROWAN, Iowa – April 26, 2006 – Mark Reisinger, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director in Iowa, today participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for Rowan's new library and senior citizen/community center. USDA Rural Development is providing a \$95,000 community facilities grant to the City of Rowan to assist in the construction of the project.

During the past year, USDA Rural Development has awarded community facilities grant funds totaling \$1.1 million to 23 Iowa communities to assist with the purchase or construction of public safety equipment and buildings, as well as other community facilities such as hospitals, libraries, senior centers and community buildings.

“This new library and senior citizen/community center will provide the citizens of Rowan and surrounding areas with wonderful learning opportunities, as well as provide a place for community members to gather and socialize,” Reisinger said. “We are extremely pleased to have a part in making this project a reality.”

The new 4,800 square-foot facility will be located in the business district in Rowan. Total costs for the project are estimated at \$440,000. Planned uses for the building include as a library, a community meeting room for after-school children and meeting place for community seniors.

“At USDA Rural Development, we are constantly looking for ways to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop and grow in ways that will ensure the best possible quality of life for rural Iowans,” Reisinger added. “We are committed to the future of rural communities.”

Eleven USDA Rural Development offices in Iowa serve the 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver quality programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in home ownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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