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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATES IN DISTRIBUTION OF WEATHER RADIOS IN SWALEDALE

Project Received \$1,400 Grant from Rural Development

SWALEDALE – Aug. 28 – Doug Moss, USDA Rural Development Area Director, today participated in a ceremony in Swaledale recognizing the distribution of weather radios. USDA Rural Development provided the community with a \$1,400 grant for the project.

“Rural Development is excited to be able to partner with Swaledale on this project focused on public safety,” said Mark Reisinger, USDA Rural Development State Director in Iowa. “I hope we can continue to support the community's efforts as they work to improve the quality of life for area residents.”

The funds for this project were through Rural Development's Community Facility grant program and helped purchase the radios, which will alert residents of weather related dangers and provide safety instruction.

USDA Rural Development supported community facility projects in 52 communities across the state in 2005. In total, USDA Rural Development made more than \$15 million in direct and guaranteed loans to support community facilities all around Iowa last year.

“At Rural Development, we are continually looking for ways to enhance the ability of rural communities to not only develop and grow, but also to thrive,” Reisinger said. “This project fits that vision perfectly.”

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USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 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 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 homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

Further information on rural programs is available at the local USDA Rural Development office in Iowa Falls, which can be reached at (641) 648-5181, or by visiting USDA's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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