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## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS \$500,000 EMERGENCY COMMUNITY WATER ASSISTANCE GRANT TO SOUTHERN IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION**

*Funds to Help Provide Water to Residents of Northwestern Adair County*

GREENFIELD, Iowa – May 3, 2006 – Mark Reisinger, USDA Rural Development State Director in Iowa, today presented Southern Iowa Rural Water Association with a \$500,000 Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant. The funds will be used to help install nearly 200 miles of water distribution lines in northwest Adair County that will provide rural water to approximately 300 users.

“This is a wonderful example of how the U.S. government, through USDA Rural Development, can partner with a local organization and county leaders to do what local leaders deem as important and vital to its rural residents,” Reisinger said. “Since 2002 the area of northwest Adair County has received precipitations totals that are more than 10 inches below average.”

A rural water distribution system in northwest Adair County will consist of approximately 200 miles of distribution lines. It will also provide a 150,000-gallon elevated water storage facility, pump station, and additional wells for source water to serve more than 300 users.

The project was previously awarded \$3.3 million in loan funds and \$1 million in grant from through USDA Rural Development.

In 2005, USDA Rural Development provided nearly \$27 million to help fund water or sewer projects in 21 Iowa communities and rural areas. These dollars assisted nearly 500 Iowa households with wastewater services, as well as helped provide water services to an additional 3,000 households in the state.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to the future of rural communities,” Reisinger said. “Rural water systems such as Southern Iowa Rural Water Association have been great partners over the years for Rural Development, joining with us in our commitment to improving the quality of life in rural communities.”

USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas and communities. 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.

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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 Atlantic, which can be reached at (712) 243-2107, or by visiting USDA's web site at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia).

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