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USDA Rural Development Presents \$800,000 in Grant and Guaranteed Loan Funds to Amaizing Energy in Denison

Funds to Help Ethanol Plant with Energy Efficiency Improvement and Provide Working Capital

DENISON – Oct. 25, 2006 – Randy Frescoln, USDA Rural Development Business Programs Director in Iowa, was in Denison today to present Amaizing Energy with \$800,000 in grant and guaranteed loan funds. The funds will allow Amaizing Energy to make energy efficiency improvements to their facility and to provide working capital for the 40-million gallon ethanol plant.

“USDA Rural Development is excited to partner with Amaizing Energy,” said Mark Reisinger, State Director of USDA Rural Development in Iowa. “They have put our programs to good use and we are excited to be part of their efforts to add value to the corn we grow here in Iowa, and do it in an energy efficient way.”

Amaizing Energy is receiving a \$300,000 Value Added Producer Grant and a \$250,000 Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant. Rural Development is also guaranteeing a \$250,000 Energy Efficiency Improvements Loan made to Amaizing Energy by CoBank, a leader in delivering financial solutions and specializing in U.S. agribusiness, rural communications and energy systems.

Amaizing Energy is one of 31 companies in Iowa to receive more than \$4.2 million in Value Added Producer Grants from Rural Development this year. Since the value-added program's creation in 2001, 102 Iowa businesses have received funds totaling \$19 million from USDA Rural Development. These projects have created more than 660 Iowa jobs with an employee compensation of more \$20 million.

This year 63 renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Iowa received more than \$14.2 million in either grant or guaranteed loan funding through Rural Development's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program. The types of projects receiving funding include ethanol plants, biodiesel facilities, wind and geothermal projects, an anaerobic digester, along with numerous energy efficiency improvements such as replacement grain dryers.

“This project is so exciting because it is able to link federal assistance with a great business and lender in Amaizing Energy and CoBank, who are working towards meeting national strategic goals of reducing our dependence on foreign sources of energy and increasing the diversity of our agricultural sector,” Frescoln said.

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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 Le Mars, which can be reached at (712) 546-5149, or by visiting USDA's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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