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USDA Rural Development Moves Greensburg Office Agency Office Assisting Homebuyers & Businesses

Topeka, KS – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks announced today the Agency's Greensburg service office located at Greensburg's temporary City Hall has moved to the Kiowa County Offices, west of the Courthouse Square, in the 200 block of South Oak in Greensburg. USDA Rural Development is devoted to supporting the community's and surrounding region's recovery efforts following the May 4th tornado.

"Moving the USDA Rural Development office in Greensburg to the Kiowa County trailer west of the Court House will allow the Agency to provide more long-term recovery programming assistance to help the residents of Greensburg and the surrounding area. From assisting future homeowners to supporting the business sector, USDA Rural Development's grant and low-interest loan programs will help many residents in the region. USDA Rural Development is committed to supporting the long-term community and economic development needs for this part of rural Kansas. The Agency appreciates the City of Greensburg for allowing USDA to use the temporary office space the past two months," commented State Director Banks.

USDA Rural Development's low-interest homeownership loan and home repair grant/loan programs can provide area individuals/families additional assistance options for their home financing or home repair decisions. Agency staff will also provide a review of financing options for those desiring to finance a new or existing home, or explain home repair options for their present residence. The Agency's housing programs also support the development of affordable rental housing facilities.

USDA Rural Development also offers programs to support business financing and advancing development opportunities for existing and new businesses. The Agency's business programs also include grant and loan guarantees for new renewable energy and energy efficiency systems.

USDA Rural Development, in cooperation with FEMA, is currently working with Greensburg and Kiowa County officials to assist the region in replacing previous public facilities and related community needs or expanding new services. The Agency's community facility programs supports establishing essential public facilities and services such as health care facilities, emergency service facilities, fire and law enforcement structures and services, business development, cultural and educational facilities, and water/sewer/utility infrastructure.

Additional information regarding USDA Rural Development's programs can be obtained by contacting the Agency's Hay office at 785-628-3081 (extension #4). Individuals may also call the Agency's state headquarters at 785-271-2700 or log onto the state's USDA Rural Development website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks .

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life of rural Americans. USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001 USDA Rural Development has delivered over \$1 billion in funding assistance for Kansas, supporting over \$5 billion in future community and economic development benefiting all Kansans.

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