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## **Fort Riley Regional Meeting To Cover USDA Rural Development Programs**

***July 1<sup>st</sup> Junction City Sessions To Present Details On Available Funding***

**Topeka, KS** – The Command at Fort Riley and USDA Rural Development today reminded Kansans that the Agency will present the third annual 'USDA - Fort Riley Regional Initiative' informational meeting in Junction City on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting, co-hosted by USDA Rural Development and Fort Riley, will be sponsored by the Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council. The meeting will cover USDA Rural Development programs available for the region and address important housing and community development needs resulting from the expansion of personnel at Fort Riley.

"The Agency's 'USDA - Fort Riley Regional Initiative' provides an excellent opportunity to assist Soldiers moving to the region, along with helping communities benefiting from the Fort Riley expansion to create more affordable housing opportunities and enhancing their local services. Whether it be improving local housing or upgrading community projects such as health care services, USDA Rural Development is positioned to assist in this very important Kansas economic development opportunity," commented State Director Banks.

USDA Rural Development's July 1<sup>st</sup> Junction City meeting will cover the Agency's housing programs and community development programs. Breakout sessions will be presented for: [1] Homebuilders / Developers, [2] Realtors, [3] Public bodies (Infrastructure / Community Development & Facilities), [4] Business development entities, [5] Community nonprofits / Faith-based organizations. The location and time of the meeting follows:

**Geary County Convention Center / July 1, 2008:** 310 Hammons Drive (next to Courtyard by Marriott - located at I-70 Exit 298), Junction City.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the General Session starting at 9:30 am and following Breakout Sessions from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Lunch will be provided for \$12.00. Lunch and registration information regarding the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting can be obtained by contacting Denise Ott, Director, Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council at 785-238-1270 or by email to [denise@welcomefortriley.com](mailto:denise@welcomefortriley.com). Meeting information may be obtained by contacting the Agency's Manhattan office at 785-776-7582 (extension #4).

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for 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 \$1.2 billion to Kansans covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$6 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State. For additional information regarding all USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Agency at 785-271-2700 or visit the Agency's Kansas website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks)

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