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## **Oath of Office Given To New USDA Rural Development State Director Patty Clark**

**Topeka, KS** – Patricia (Patty) Clark received the oath of office to serve as USDA Rural Development State Director in Kansas in a ceremony at the Agency's State Office Monday, August 10, 2009. USDA Rural Development Administrative Program Director Darla Buckman presided at the ceremony.

With support of all the fine people that are part of USDA Rural Development in Kansas, we will expand upon what is working well and then aggressively embrace new successful strategies to meet the ever changing needs that present themselves. USDA Rural Development will work hard in the on going tradition of reaching out to the rural community, with the purpose of providing an affordable, healthy, vibrant, safe place to live and work.

USDA Rural Development administers and manages over 40 housing, business, and community infrastructure and facility programs. With the resources of a dedicated Agency staff and an outstanding network of valued external partners, USDA Rural Development in Kansas has accomplished impressive results. Such things as basic infrastructure services like needed water systems, enhance affordable housing opportunities, support essential community services such as rural health care, and expand business development and entrepreneurship capacity.

For additional information regarding USDA Rural Development and its programs, log onto the Agency's website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks) or call the Agency's state office at 785-271-2700.

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