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RECOVERY ACT FUNDS IMPORTANT AREA PROJECTS New Fire Truck for Lecompte and New Municipal Building for Woodworth

ALEXANDRIA, July 9, 2009 – Communities across Louisiana are celebrating receipt of Recovery Act funds for essential community facilities projects.

On Wednesday, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the selection of nearly \$66.4 million in essential community facilities projects in 33 states that are being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Over \$3.1 million in Recovery Act funds were awarded for community facilities projects in Louisiana.

The Town of Lecompte will receive a \$181,000 USDA Rural Development loan to purchase a new fire truck. The new fire truck will replace a 24-year-old pumper truck that is currently out of service. Saving lives and property for Lecompte's 1,300+ residents will all be in a day's work for the new fire truck.

The Town of Woodworth will receive a \$2,725,000 USDA Rural Development loan to construct a new municipal building that will house the police department, town council, mayor's office, and administrative and utility offices. The new building will serve as a centralized point for residents to receive town services and provide complete accessibility for people with disabilities.

Other projects selected for Recovery Act funding in Louisiana include:

- Evangeline Law Enforcement - \$55,000 grant - police cars and equipment
- West Carroll Law Enforcement District - \$50,250 grant - patrol cars and equipment
- Duson Volunteer Fire Department - \$135,000 grant - thermal imaging camera, communications equipment, generators, and air conditioning/heating units for fire station

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President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law on February 17, 2009. It is designed to jumpstart the nation's economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century.

More information on USDA's Recovery Act efforts is available at www.usda.gov/recovery. More information on the federal government's efforts on the Recovery Act is available at www.recovery.gov.

USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. Area Offices are located in Monroe, Natchitoches, Lafayette, and Amite; and the State Office is located in Alexandria. For more information on USDA Rural Development's loan and grant programs, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/la>.

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