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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CHANGES OFFICE STRUCTURE TO MEET CUSTOMER NEEDS Nine Offices in Louisiana Will See Changes

ALEXANDRIA, July 11, 2007 – State Director Clyde Holloway announced today that USDA Rural Development will soon be changing office structure to meet changing customer needs.

“Across the nation, USDA Rural Development is examining office structure and program delivery,” said State Director Clyde Holloway. “We are realigning our workforce to better serve our customers.”

USDA Rural Development offers programs that finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. During 2006, USDA Rural Development invested more than \$237 million in Louisiana’s rural communities.

Effective July 15, 2007, the following offices will close, and customers will be served by the offices indicated:

Office	Customers will be served by:
Rayville Part-time Office 141 Industrial Loop Rayville, Louisiana 71269	Monroe Area Office 2410 Old Sterlington Road, Suite C Monroe, Louisiana 71203 (318) 343-4467
Bastrop Part-time Office 9602 Marlatt Street Bastrop, Louisiana 71220-9578	Monroe Area Office 2410 Old Sterlington Road, Suite C Monroe, Louisiana 71203 (318) 343-4467
Minden Part-time Office 216 B. Broadway Minden, Louisiana 71055	Shreveport Satellite Office 1402 Hawn Avenue Shreveport, Louisiana 71107 (318) 676-3461, extension 4
Franklin Part-time Office 500 Main Street, Room 106 Franklin, Louisiana 70538-6144	Lafayette Area Office Whitney National Bank Building 905 Jefferson Street, Suite 320 Lafayette, Louisiana 70501-7913 (337) 262-6601

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<p>Ville Platte Part-time Office 205 Court Street Ville Platte, Louisiana 70586</p>	<p>Opelousas Satellite Office 111 North Main Street, Suite C Opelousas, Louisiana 70570 (337) 948-8288, extension 4</p>
<p>Franklinton Part-time Office 1111 Washington Street Franklinton, Louisiana 70438</p>	<p>Amite Area Office 805 West Oak Street, Room 3 Amite, Louisiana 70422 (985) 748-8751</p>
<p>New Roads Part-time Office 180 East Main Street New Roads, Louisiana 70760</p>	<p>Opelousas Satellite Office 111 North Main Street, Suite C Opelousas, Louisiana 70570 (337) 948-8288, extension 4</p>
<p>Addis Part-time Office 7747 Louisiana Highway 1, South Addis, Louisiana 70710</p>	<p>Amite Area Office 805 West Oak Street, Room 3 Amite, Louisiana 70422 (985) 748-8751</p>
<p>Thibodaux Part-time Office 143 Laura Drive Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301</p>	<p>Amite Area Office 805 West Oak Street, Room 3 Amite, Louisiana 70422 (985) 748-8751</p>

“Our services will not be impacted by these changes,” said Holloway. “In fact, we are making these changes in an effort to deliver our programs more efficiently and effectively.”

For a complete listing of USDA Rural Development office locations, office hours, and information on agency loan and grant programs, visit USDA Rural Development’s web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/la>.

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