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**FEDERAL FUNDING PRESENTED TO EQUIP LOCAL
BIOFUELS PRODUCTION FACILITY**
**Congressman Charlie Melancon and State Director Clyde Holloway Present
\$4 Million in Federally-Guaranteed Loan Funds**

FRANKLIN, August 20, 2008 – Congressman Charlie Melancon and USDA Rural Development State Director Clyde Holloway visited Franklin today to present \$4 million in federally-guaranteed loan funding to Sustainable Fuels, LLC, to purchase machinery and equipment for a new biofuels production facility.

“Sustainable Fuels will use this funding to equip a start-up biofuels production plant that will use waste oils to produce biodiesel,” said Holloway. “Renewable energy projects, such as this one, will not only help to increase energy independence for our nation but build the local economy.”

Sustainable Fuels will produce five million gallons of biodiesel annually using waste vegetable oil, brown grease, and soy oil as feedstock. They will employ 15 people at the facility.

The guaranteed business and industry loan funds were awarded through USDA Rural Development’s Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program. Lenders work with USDA Rural Development through this program to secure federally-guaranteed loans for projects that will improve the economy in rural areas. The guaranteed funds will be provided to Sustainable Fuels by Coastal Commerce Bank in Houma, Louisiana.

USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. The USDA Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, telephone (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development’s loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting USDA Rural Development’s web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>. USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender, provider, and employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20250-9140.

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