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## **POINTE COUPEE PARISH RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT FOR COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN State Director Clyde Holloway Presents \$50,000 to Parish Officials**

NEW ROADS, October 23, 2007 – State Director Clyde Holloway presented \$50,000 in USDA Rural Development grant funds to the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury in ceremonies today in New Roads. The funds will be used to develop a community master plan for unincorporated areas of Pointe Coupee Parish.

“Once a community master plan is developed, parish leaders will have a tool that will help guide economic growth and development,” said Holloway. “USDA Rural Development is committed to helping rural communities promote sustainable economic development.”

The grant funds were awarded through USDA Rural Development’s Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program. The RBOG program finances training and technical assistance for business development and assists with economic development planning.

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