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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS \$ 13,198 TO THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

Greg C. Branum, Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented a \$13,198 Mock Check to the City of Annapolis, on November 22, 2005. The grant is part of the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities grant program and will be used to install an early warning system to cover the City of Annapolis. This project is essential for the public safety of the community since no warning system is available at this time

“This is clearly a wise investment of the hard-earned tax dollars Missourians send to Washington,” stated Senator “Kit” Bond, a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the Department of Agriculture. “I commend the efforts of the City of Annapolis for their efforts to protect the citizens of Iron County from coming in harms way.”

“This is great news for the residents of the Annapolis,” said U.S. Senator Talent, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. “The severe weather warning system will alert the community when severe weather is approaching, especially during storm season. As a result, these new sirens will save lives and better prepare the citizens of Annapolis for threatening weather conditions.”

U.S Representative Jo Ann Emerson said, “Early warning sirens save lives in the Heartland. Serious weather emergencies are a life-and-death matter for us in Southern Missouri. I appreciate Rural Development’s investment in the safety and well-being of our residents and our property. This is another way of investing in our preparedness and security which is very worthwhile. The City of Annapolis will certainly be able to put these much-needed funds to good use.”

Mayor Earnest Sutton, Jr. said, “We are real happy for all of USDA Rural Developments help. A special thanks to USDA Rural Development. It will be a great help to the City of Annapolis to have this Early Warning Siren. We really appreciate all of USDA Rural Development’s support.”

“Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” Branum added. “Appreciation is also extended to U.S. Senators “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contact Kevin Hinkebein, Rural Development Manager, at 812 Progress Dr. Farmington, Missouri 63640 or by calling (573)-756-6413 extension 4.



Front row: Greg Branum, Angie Sutton, City Clerk, Donna Martin, and Mayor Earnest Sutton Jr.,
Back row: Kevin Hinkebein, Terry Nichols, Presiding Commissioner, JC Kuessner, State Rep 152 District, Dwayne Wasncke, Southern Dist. Commissioner, and Terry Luetkemeyer.

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