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## U.S. SENATOR “KIT” BOND AND USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENT FUNDING TO CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

On Friday, October 12, 2007, Missouri Rural Development State Director, Greg Branum, was joined by U.S. Senator Christopher “Kit” Bond to present the City of Bowling Green with a \$3,259,000 Mock Check. Funds will be used to complete water system improvements to enable the City to connect to and purchase water from the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission (CCWWC). The connection to the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission is vital to the city. The city has experienced a



Left to right: Liz Groves, CCWWC General Manager; Kyle Pociask, MECO Engineering; J.D. Kehrman, Bowling Green City Administrator ; Greg Branum, USDA Rural Development State Director; Senator Christopher “Kit” Bond; Mel Meyer, Bowling Green Fire Chief; Paul Wilson, Acting President of Bowling Green Board of Alderman Terry Luetkemeyer, USDA Rural Development Area Director; Donna Martin, USDA Rural Development Area Specialist

substantial deterioration in the supply of water from the city’s two lake reservoirs mainly attributable to drought conditions over the last several years. In addition to the improvements for the CCWWC connection, funds will also be used to upgrade the city’s water system. The proposal includes the installation of a new 300,000 gallon ground storage tank, a new elevated storage tank, replacement of 9,560 feet of old cast iron mains, installation of new water lines and purchase of a back-up generator. Senator Bond also presented the City with a \$3,560 Mock Check to upgrade the fire department’s equipment to be used in first responder emergency situations.

U.S. Senator Kit Bond stated, “The efforts of the USDA Rural Development, the City of Bowling Green and Clarence Cannon Wholesale Commission will benefit many in the Bowling Green community. I am proud to have played a small part by securing funding for Clarence Cannon to help make this connection possible, and I appreciate the good work that USDA Rural Development does for rural Missouri. I am also glad to see funding to help the Fire Department have the tools necessary to carry out their duties.

**Branum, said “Having an environmentally safe and adequate supply of water is important to the residents and I commend all the partners for their hard work in making this project a reality. Financing safe water systems and essential first responder emergency equipment mirrors President Bush’s initiative and exemplifies the Rural Development mission – committed to the future of rural communities”. Branum expressed appreciation for Senator Bond’s support of USDA Rural Development. “He is a strong proponent of funding essential services for rural Missourians”.**

**City Administrator, J.D. Kehrman, added “The City of Bowling Green is most appreciative of the funds. Our drought stricken water system will finally be remedied by the connection to the Wholesale Water Commission made possible through this generous award. And the services provided by our Fire and Rescue personnel will be greatly enhanced by the receipt of these funds.”**

**Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Donna R. Martin, Area Specialist, at the Farmington Area Office of USDA Rural Development at 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640 or by calling 573-756-6413, ext. 119.**

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