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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$40,000 FOR LOCAL SHELTERED WORKSHOP

Janie Dunning, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, hosted a mock check presentation on October 1, 2009, at TEMCO, Inc. located in Warren County. TEMCO, Inc. received \$40,000 to fund a project through the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program to purchase a new shrink wrap packaging machine which will provide an additional 6 jobs at the workshop.

“Sheltered workshops provide opportunities for individuals to become a part of the Missouri workforce in a great environment,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I am pleased these federal funds will assist the Marthasville community sheltered workshop further enhance the workplace for its employees.”

U.S. Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer said, “Sheltered Workshops provide critical services to the workers and our communities which is why I am extremely pleased that this funding will help improve operations at TEMCO.”

Dunning said, “Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Obama’s initiatives for rural America and Rural Development’s commitment to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected



Pictured, front row from left, are Larry Shroth, Marthasville Area Chamber of Commerce and Ameren UE; Dan Hampson, Northern District Commissioner; Robert Engemann, TEMCO Executive Director; Anita J. Dunning, Rural Development State Director; Bill Schwab, TEMCO board member; Delores Bordherding, TEMCO board member; and Bob Burns representative from Claire McCaskill’s office. Back row, from left, are Jack Kearbey, Rural Development Area Specialist; Mary Jane Clark, Warren County Developmental Disabilities board member; Larry Brewe, Marthasville Area Chamber of Commerce; Lovie Oelklaus, Warren County Developmental Disabilities Board member; Hubie Kluesner, Southern District commissioner; Arden Engelage, Presiding Commissioner; Terry Luetkemeyer, Rural Development Area Manager; and Dennis Kramme, Emmaus Hornes director of development.

officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

Robert Engemann, TEMCO, Inc. Executive Director said, "This Shrink-Wrapping equipment will better enable TEMCO to secure packaging jobs from, and in partnership with Business & Industry, for our 58 employees with disabilities."

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 Jack O. Kearbey, Area Specialist, at the Rolla Sub-Area Office of USDA Rural Development at 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401 or by calling (573) 364-2088 Ext. 4.

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