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## USDA OFFICIALS MAKE STOP AT STANLEY

**Stanley, September 20, 2004.** . . Shane Goettle, chief of staff for the Office of the Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development, today joined USDA Rural Development State Director, for North Dakota, Clare Carlson in a check presentation to John's Hardware Hank, a Stanley, North Dakota business.

The check for \$10,410 represents an energy efficiency improvement grant administered through USDA Rural Development's Renewable Energy Systems/Energy Efficiency Improvements Program.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to be here today to make this check presentation to John's Hardware Hank," Goettle said. "This is another example of the commitment that President George Bush and the Bush Administration have to the future of rural America."

John's Hardware Hank, Inc., was one of 113 applicants nationwide, and first in North Dakota, to receive a renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement grant from USDA Rural Development.

The funds were used to make energy efficient improvements to the business, namely replacing existing heat and cooling equipment and high efficiency windows.

In 2003, the Bush Administration invested \$21.7 million to develop or improve wind power, anaerobic digester, solar, ethanol and other bioenergy related systems or energy efficiency improvements in 24 states.

USDA Rural Development serves as the lead federal entity for rural economic and community development needs. Its mission is to deliver programs that will support increased economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. It administers financial and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development and critical community and technology infrastructure.

In Fiscal Year 2003, USDA Rural Development provided over \$73.5 million dollars in loan and grant financing to North Dakota citizens. For more information, please visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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