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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT WESTMORELAND OFFICE RECEIVES 2009 OFFICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

State College, PA—September 22, 2009 — Tom Williams, State Director of USDA Rural Development (RD), recently presented the Westmoreland RD Office with the 2009 Area Office-of-the-Year Award. The Westmoreland Office includes: Team Leader, Virginia Stump; Area Specialists: Cynthia Brant, Larry Frey, Barbara McMillen, Susan O'Donnell, Maryellen Polosky, and Sandra Ridenour; and Area Technicians: Lucinda Dietz, Karen Kuhns, and Jill Taylor. Lambert Rosenbaum, of Butler, is the Southwest Area Director. The Greensburg Office processed \$75 million in loans, loan guarantees, and grants for housing, utilities, community facilities and business from October 1, 2008 through August 2009. Counties served by the Greensburg Office include: Westmoreland, Fayette, Cambria, Somerset, Blair, and Bedford.

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