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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR WESTERN CASS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

LINDEN, TEXAS, January 9, 2009—Scooter Brockette, USDA Rural Development Acting State Director, today announced Western Cass Water Supply Corporation has been selected to receive \$3,026,700 through the agency's Community Program Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Programs. The funding will be used to make water system improvements, including the addition of 183 new customers.

“USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Programs target public health benefits and economic opportunities in America's rural communities,” said Brockette. “Projects such as this one in Cass County will help make the environment cleaner and protect the public health for local residents.”

In Fiscal Year 2008, \$95.5 million of loan and grant assistance was distributed throughout rural Texas to 257,535 households. The USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operating on a non-profit basis, and Indian tribes, that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Mt. Pleasant Area Office at (903) 572-5411, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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