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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE

GOLIAD COUNTY, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2009 – Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be holding an informative showcase for Goliad County on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Goliad County Court House at 127 Courthouse Square N., Goliad, Texas. Information about USDA Rural Development's Housing, Community, and Business and Cooperative Programs will be provided.

The Edna Rural Development office provides service to seven South Texas counties including Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria. USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global marketplace, by providing programs that assist rural Americans in building strong economies and to improve their quality of life. Representatives will be available to answer individual questions and assist applicants with their applications in all program areas.

USDA Rural Development's housing programs offer loans and grants to very low, low, and moderate income persons in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Programs offered assist qualified persons to buy, build, repair or maintain a home. Housing Programs that are offered by USDA Rural Development include the Guaranteed Housing Loan Program, Direct Housing Loan Program, Home Repair and Rehabilitation Loan/Grant Program, and the Self-Help Housing and Technical Assistance Program. Assistance is available to low and moderate income families that live in rural areas.

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by providing funds to governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes to enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers and fund new and improved water and wastewater facilities. We also have programs for communities to purchase public safety equipment such as ambulances, fire fighting equipment, and other emergency required implements.

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development's Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can gain access funds that normally would not be available to them. USDA Rural Development's business and cooperative programs provide the needed capital to expand economic opportunities and development in rural areas throughout Texas by working with banks and community lenders. There is no minimum loan size and the maximum loan size is up to \$25 million. Minimum equity requirements are required to apply.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Edna Local Office at (361) 782-7151, ext. 4; www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

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