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Rural Development Texas AN No. 542 (3550)  
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SUBJECT: Section 502 Eligible Rural Areas with Population Between 10,000-20,000

TO: All Offices  
Rural Development, Texas

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME: The purpose of this Texas Administrative Notice (AN) is to identify eligible rural areas with populations between 10,000 and 20,000.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN: This AN replaces Texas AN No. 528 (3550) which expires on January 31, 2000.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES: In addition to other eligible rural areas, Field Offices are responsible for providing housing assistance in the towns listed on the attached Exhibit A.

In Chapter 5 of HB-1-3550 (Field Office Handbook) the definition of a rural area includes any area that is not contained within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), has a serious lack of mortgage credit, and has a population between 10,000 and 20,000. Attachment A of this AN lists towns in Texas that meet the rural area requirements of HB-1-3550 (5.3). Leveraged Lenders and applicants should be made aware that these towns are eligible rural areas for the 502 loan program. **The results of the 2000 census may cause changes to the attached list.** On 12/27/2000 the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 became Public Law No: 106-569. This act will "grandfather" the eligibility of some towns. The National office will be providing more information in the near future.

Please contact Scooter Brochette or Leon Carey in the Single Family Housing Section if you have any questions.

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Attachment

EXPIRATION DATE: January 31, 2002

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: SFH 3550  
Field Office Handbook,  
State Supplements

**Texas Eligible Areas  
With Population between 10,000-20,000 Population:  
(Based on 1990 Census)**

Alice  
Andrews  
Angleton  
Athens  
Bay City  
Beeville  
Big Spring \*  
Borger  
Brenham  
Brownfield  
Brownwood  
Dumas  
Eagle Pass  
El Campo  
Gainesville  
Gatesville  
Henderson  
Hereford  
Jacksonville  
Kerrville  
Lamesa  
Levelland  
Mineral Wells  
Mount Pleasant  
Palestine  
Pampa  
Plainview \*  
Pecos  
Port Lavaca  
Snyder  
Sulphur Spring  
Sweetwater  
Uvalde  
Vernon

\*Special exception for towns under 25,000 based on last census