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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

El Paso, Texas, February 4, 2003--Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development today announced that The Housing Authority of The City of El Paso, Texas was awarded a \$2,500,000 Farm Labor Housing loan and grant. The Rural Housing Service, an agency that falls under the USDA Rural Development mission area, administers programs designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

“USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide farm labor housing funding for rural Texans,” said Daniel. “It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features.”

USDA funds have been used to construct a 50-unit Farm Labor Housing complex in El Paso, Texas. All 50 units will be provided rental assistance. The housing complex contains a mix of 3, 4, and 5 bedroom units. The project will assist in housing eligible low and very low-income farm labor worker families in the Magoffin area of El Paso County. This area is located in the Sunland Park area of the city of El Paso. This project will be of great benefit, in that it will provide decent, safe, and affordable housing for migrant and farm laborers.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Local Service Center in El Paso at 915-855-1229, ext. 4 or the Lubbock USDA Service Center at Lubbock, TX at 806-785-5644, ext 4.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

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