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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF TULIA

Amarillo, Texas, September 18, 2003--USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, announced that the City of Tulia received a \$215,000 grant through the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program. The City is working with Texas Tech University to create a small business incubator facility. This incubator is one of six such facilities scattered throughout the region to assist small business start ups.

“The injection of funds will be used to establish a business incubator facility for the City of Tulia,” said Daniel. “I am very pleased that USDA Texas Rural Development is able to assist the city in their endeavor.”

Potential businesses in rural communities interested in the RBEG program must employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than \$1 million in gross annual revenues. Funds are used for the financing or development of a small and emerging business.

For more information regarding this and other USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Amarillo Local Service Center at (806) 468-8600, Ext. 4.

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