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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD VISIT IN VICTORIA

VICTORIA, TEXAS, November 12, 2004 – Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be at the Farm Service Agency Office, 312 South Main Street, 3rd Floor, Victoria, Texas, on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. A representative will assist with applications and provide information about the various housing, community, and business and industry programs.

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.

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.

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.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to help enhance the quality of life and increase economic opportunities for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Edna office at (361) 782-7151, Ext. 4., or visit our website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

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