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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR SOUTH CLEVELAND WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

CLEVELAND, TEXAS, December 22, 2004 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that South Cleveland Water Supply Corporation was selected to receive a \$1,280,000 Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant through the agency's community programs. The funds will be used to add an additional well, an elevated storage plant and upgrade distribution system pipelines. Users served by this project are 575.

“One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide rural Texans with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems.” said Daniel. “In fiscal year 2004, \$90.4 million of loan and grant assistance was infused into 82 projects and assisted 228,034 rural Texans.”

USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operated on a nonprofit basis, and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by funding new and improved water and wastewater facilities, 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.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 with a mission to use the resources of USDA to help enhance the quality of life for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Huntsville office at (936) 291-1901, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>

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