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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR BROTHERS MATERIALS, LTD.

LAREDO, TEXAS, June 16, 2004 – USDA Rural Development, State Director, Bryan Daniel, announced today that Brothers Materials, Ltd., received a \$3,914,000 Business and Industry Guaranteed loan. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

“We are pleased to fund this project in Laredo,” said Daniel. “One of our goals is to provide access to credit for rural businesses that will bring new jobs to the area for local residents. We are proud that Rural Development programs play a role in President Bush’s plan to increase jobs which will continue the growth of the economy. This loan will help Laredo and the surrounding area to provide economic opportunities in Webb County.”

USDA Rural Development guarantee funds will be used to refinance real estate and machinery and to provide working capital.

In Fiscal Year 2003, the USDA Rural Development Business Programs provided over 38 million dollars in guaranteed loan monies to 16 rural businesses throughout Texas.

For more information regarding this and other USDA Rural Development programs and eligibility requirements, contact the Hebbbronville Local Office at 361-527-3253, Ext. 4.

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USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and includes Business Programs, Housing Programs, and Utilities Programs. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation’s rural residents.

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