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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOST HOUSING SEMINAR

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 7, 2005 – Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be presenting a seminar on USDA Rural Development's Housing Programs. The seminar will be held at the St. Martin de Porres Missionary Hall, 6312 Boyt Road, Beaumont, Texas, (corner of Boyt and Kidd Roads) on Saturday, February 26, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Representatives of USDA Rural Development are available to provide information on home ownership loans and grants including the availability of financing at favorable rates and terms. Housing loans and grants are available for the purchase, repair or construction of an existing or new home in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements.

Funds may be used provided to repair a leaking roof; to replace a wood stove with central heating; to construct a ramp to make it wheelchair accessible; or to provide modern, indoor bathroom facilities. Homeowners who are at least 62 years old and cannot afford to repay a 1% loan are eligible for a home improvement grant to remove health and safety hazards from their homes.

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, please contact the Angleton Local Office at (979) 849-5251, Ext. 4, or visit our website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

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