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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR BLOCKER-CROSSROADS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

MARSHALL, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 25, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that Blocker-Crossroads Water Supply Corporation was selected to receive a \$1,303,000 loan and grant through the agency's Community Programs Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. The funds will be used to add booster pumps, pressure tanks, a ground storage tank and two remote deep wells and pumps. 385 users will be served by this project.

"One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide 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 operating on a non-profit 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, non-profit 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 Henderson office at (903) 657-8221, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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