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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATES IN RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE CITY OF ALAMO

ALAMO, TEXAS, March 2, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the City of Alamo for opening of their water treatment plant. The City of Alamo received a \$2,967,000 loan and a \$877,000 grant through the agency's Community Programs Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program.

“One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide Texans with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems,” said Daniel. “We are delighted that USDA Rural Development programs play a role in President Bush’s plan to improve the infrastructure of rural communities.”

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.



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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 Edinburg office at (956) 383-4928, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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