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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD FORUM ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

SEYMOUR, TEXAS, June 22, 2005 – The public is invited to attend USDA Rural Development’s forum at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at the Salt Fork Municipal Complex located at 448 US Hwy 283 South in Seymour, Texas. This forum is free to the public and USDA Rural Development staff will provide information to all interested individuals and entities, about the various Housing, Community, and Business and Cooperative Programs available through USDA Rural Development. The forum will be held for residents of Baylor, Foard, Knox, Hardeman and Wilbarger Counties.

“This is an opportunity to bring information about USDA Rural Development programs directly to the citizens in their rural areas,” said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. “Representatives will be available to answer individual questions and assist applicants with their applications.”

USDA Rural Development’s housing programs offer loans and grants to applicants in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Programs offered assist qualified persons to buy, build, repair or maintain a home.

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

USDA Rural Development’s business and cooperative programs provide the needed capital to expand economic opportunities and development in rural areas throughout Texas by working with banks and community lenders. There is no minimum loan size and the maximum loan size is up to \$25 million.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global marketplace, by providing programs that assist rural Americans in building strong economies and to improve their quality of life. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Abilene Local Office at 325-690-6162, Ext. 4, or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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