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GROUNDBREAKING FOR FORT BEND COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT #2

SUGARLAND, TEXAS, JUNE 27, 2005— The Fort Bend County Fresh Water Supply District #2 will start construction of a water distribution system for the Four Corners and Rio Brazos service areas. USDA Rural Development is providing \$1,446,000 in loan and \$2,674,625 in grant funds through the agency's Community Programs, Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. This effort helps provide rural areas with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems. The ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at the Four Corners Recreation Center, 15700 Old Richmond Road, Sugarland, Texas.

“One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide water and wastewater treatment programs that target public health benefits and provide economic opportunities to America's rural communities,” said Bryan Daniel, State Director. “Rural Texans can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance their quality of life.”

In Fiscal Year 2004, \$65.1 million of loan and grant assistance was provided to rural Texas households. 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 operated on a nonprofit 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 strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information, please contact the Angleton Local Office at (979) 849-5251, Ext. 4, or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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