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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR FREER WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

FREER, TEXAS, October 5, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that Freer Water Control & Improvement District has been awarded \$986,000 through the agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan Program. The funds will be used to improve water quality and increase supply to meet new demands. The existing wells do not supply enough water to meet current Texas Commission on Environmental Quality standards. The proposed project will drill new wells, install all new electrical service and install new well collection and well control lines. These improvements will allow the system to be in compliance with water quality requirements.

“Freer Water Control & Improvement District will utilize these funds to add two much needed wells,” said Daniel. “It is time to update, improve, and expand this system so that the 1,205 households that it services have a chance to experience efficient water supply and standard water quality.

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs provide funding for construction, improvement, or expansion of water and waste disposal systems, telecommunication and education resources, and necessary community facilities.

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 strives to ensure 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 regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Alice local office at 361-668-0453 Ext. 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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