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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CITY OF ELECTRA

ELECTRA, TEXAS, May 1, 2006-- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today announced the City of Electra has been selected to receive \$5.5 million through the agency's Community Program Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program. A ceremonial check presentation was held in conjunction with a Community Leader Meeting held by Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. The funding will be used to construct a water transmission line from Iowa Park to Electra, replacing the City's water supply.

"The USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Programs target public health benefits and economic opportunities in America's rural communities," said Daniel. "Projects such as this one in Electra will help make the environment cleaner and protect the public health for local residents."

In Fiscal Year 2005, \$80.7 million of loan and grant assistance was distributed throughout rural Texas to 315,249 households. USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Programs are 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 was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Decatur Local Office at (940) 627-3531, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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