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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD HOUSING SEMINAR

BELLVILLE, TEXAS, June 2, 2006 – Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be in Bellville on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, to provide information, assist with applications, and answer questions regarding Housing Programs offered by the agency. The event will be held at the Austin County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room, One East Main Street, Bellville, Texas, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Hurricane disaster assistance may be provided in Austin County to build or purchase new homes, or to repair existing dwellings. Hurricane disaster assistance does not require that an applicant be “adversely affected” by the hurricane. Under this designation, applicants do not have to be age 62 or older to receive a Section 504 Grant. Grants may be made up to \$15,000.00 in designated counties, which includes Austin County. Loan funds up to \$20,000 at a 1% interest rate are also available for necessary repairs and improvements to existing dwellings. Loans up to \$129,600 to purchase or build a home are also available.

“USDA Rural Development is very proud of the assistance we have available for rural residents affected by Hurricane Rita,” said USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel.

Housing Programs that are offered by USDA Rural Development include the Guaranteed Housing Loan Program, Direct Housing Loan Program, Home Repair and Rehabilitation Grant Program. Assistance is available to low and moderate income families that live in rural areas.

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, please contact the Bastrop Local Office at 512-321-3428, Ext. 4, or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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