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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR STARPLEX OPERATING, L.P.

FORNEY, TEXAS, September 11, 2006– Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today announced Starplex Operating, L.P. was selected to receive a \$4,000,000 Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan. The funds will be used to finance a theater, which currently operates 8 screens, in Forney, Texas.

“One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide financial assistance to rural businesses that will strengthen the local economy and enhance the quality of life for area residents,” said Daniel. “In Fiscal Year 2005, \$15.3 million in funds were awarded to rural businesses and 1,084 jobs were created or saved in Texas. This loan will help Starplex Operating, L.P. provide 44 jobs in Forney.”

Potential businesses in rural communities with less than 50,000 people can use the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan funds to purchase land, buildings, equipment or supplies. The maximum amount of funds that can be offered is \$25 million.

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 regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Canton Local Office at (903) 567-6051, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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