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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATES IN TEXAS GATORFEST 2006

ANAHUAC, TEXAS, September 13, 2006 —USDA Rural Development will host an informational booth at the Texas Gatorfest 2006. The booth will be located in the Alligator Education Tent & Wetlands Expo in the middle of the festival. The Gatorfest is held at Fort Anahuac Park in Anahuac, Texas. The booth will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2006.

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

USDA Rural Development Community Programs are designed to enhance the growth and economic opportunities of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems.

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can secure funds to increase the economic opportunities in rural areas throughout Texas.

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, visit our booth at the GatorFest, or call 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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