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## **1890 LAND-GRANT INSTITUTION RECEIVES FUNDS TO PROMOTE JOBS AND BUSINESS GROWTH**

**TEMPLE, TEXAS, September 27, 2006** — Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today Prairie View A&M University has been awarded a cooperative agreement of \$96,255 through the 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative. The funds will be used to provide outreach and technical assistance to develop entrepreneurs and businesses, including cooperatives.

“USDA Rural Development is delighted to provide an award to Prairie View A&M University that is designed to focus on start-up and expansion of businesses in the 13 targeted rural communities,” said Daniel. “This assistance will give rural entrepreneurs the ability to compete both at home and in the global marketplace.”

The 1890 Land Grant Institutions Rural Entrepreneurial Outreach and Development Initiative will provide assistance through the funding of community business workshops, training workshops, technical assistance to municipalities, business plan and loan packaging assistance and other services critical to developing small businesses and economies in rural communities.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting the web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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