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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CAMP COUNTY

PITTSBURG, TEXAS, October 11, 2006-- USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, today announced that Camp County has received a \$99,999 Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) to establish a revolving loan fund. AmeriPlast, located in Pittsburg, Texas has requested a loan from Camp County in an effort to become the only American owned and operated manufacturing facility for corrugated sheet, as well as the only facility to offer recycling services for used corrugated sheet and other polypropylene waste materials.

“The injection of funds into the area will be used to supply a local business, AmeriPlast, with funds to ensure adequate raw material and product inventory,” said Daniel. “This business will create 10 jobs in Camp County in addition to others indirectly through trucking and recycling services.”

In Fiscal Year 2005, Texas USDA Rural Development obligated over \$1.3 million in Rural Business Enterprise Grants. Potential businesses in rural communities interested in the RBEG Program must employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than \$1 million in gross annual revenues. Public bodies and not-for-profit entities including federally recognized Indian Tribes located in rural areas or in communities below 50,000 in population are eligible for the RBEG Program. Priority is given to applicants from communities of 25,000 or less.

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 Mount Pleasant Local Office at (903) 572-5411, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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