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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT SELECTS PHILIP M. EGGMAN AS PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST FOR WASHINGTON STATE

Olympia, November 18, 2003—USDA Rural Development is pleased to announce the selection of Philip M. Eggman as the new Public Affairs Specialist. Mr. Eggman will oversee USDA Rural Development's public affairs needs for the entire state.

Eggman, a 27-year Navy veteran, brings to USDA Rural Development a rich and varied background in print and broadcast journalism, photo-journalism, and media relations resulting from 23 years of military public affairs experience. Before coming to USDA Rural Development, Mr. Eggman was the media/marketing officer for Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, coordinating news media coverage for deploying and returning submarines supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom out of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Eggman received a Bachelor of Science degree in communications with an emphasis in journalism through Excelsior College and is currently working on a Master of Arts in organizational communications through Hawaii Pacific University. Mr. Eggman is married and resides in Spanaway.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, 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 USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.