Stakeholder Announcement

USDA Rural Development Launches New Map of State-by-State Accomplishments for FY 2009-2011

On August 20, 2012, Rural Development announced the launch of an interactive web-based U.S. map featuring program funding and success stories for fiscal years 2009-2011. The data can be found at: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RDSuccessStories.html.

This site offers the public an opportunity to view state program data, including the amount of funding and the number of projects within a state. State data reflects appropriations for 21 key Rural Development programs and includes American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding in applicable programs.*

Each state's accomplishments page also features success stories categorized by:

- Alternative Energy
- Broadband
- Capital Markets
- Community Building
- Local and Regional Food Systems
- Regional Collaboration
- Strategic Partners

These seven economic development priorities are the cornerstone of our support for creating enhanced prosperity for rural Americans. Rural Development's mission is to help rural individuals, communities and businesses obtain the financial and technical assistance needed to address their diverse and unique needs. USDA Rural Development has a \$170 billion portfolio.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment in rural America, resulting in a stronger rural economy and stronger rural communities. In turn, this has supported the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. It has empowered rural America to continue leading the way – improving America's overall economy, and strengthening small towns and rural communities.

*The figures shown do not reflect all Rural Development programs and can be subject to change based on de-obligations or other adjustments that may occur at the local level. Members of the public can contact a state office for additional funding information. Contact information can be found at: <u>http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html</u>.

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