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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTS IN EARLY WARNING SIREN FOR THE CITY OF SLATER

In a ceremony on March 25, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced funding for improvements for the safety of residents in the City of Slater. Funds will be used to purchase and install one new early warning siren and two new controller boxes to existing sirens to centralize operations of all the sirens. The assistance consists of a Community Facilities Grant of \$8,445 from USDA, Rural Development.

“In Missouri we know how important it is for communities to have the necessary safety equipment to warn people about emergencies and natural disasters,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I’m pleased that these federal funds will help the city of Slater purchase a new emergency alert system to ensure better safety and protection for their Missouri community.”

“As Missouri continues to suffer from the worst economic recession since the 1930s, the need for public safety equipment has not diminished. That is why I am so pleased the USDA’s Rural Development will help fund new components of a warning siren system in Slater,” said U.S. Representative Ike Skelton. “By helping to keep this emergency warning system operational, this federal grant will help keep the people of Slater safe.”



Pictured, front row, left to right: Travis Zimmerman, Rural Development Area Specialist; Kyle Wilkens, U.S. Representative Ike Skelton’s office; Janie Dunning, MO Rural Development State Director; Russell Griffith, Asst. Administrator; and Stephen Allegri, Mayor of Slater. Back row, left to right: Scott Murrey, contractor; Terry Jordan; John Brownfield, electrician; Roger Jolliff; Ron Monnig, councilman.

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing essential equipment.” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects.”

Anyone seeking more information about the Community Facility program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Clinton Area Office at 1306 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Clinton, MO 64735 or by calling (660) 885-5567- ext 5.

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