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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNIZES MILLION DOLLAR LENDERS TEMPLE, TEXAS, October 26, 2007 — USDA

Rural Development Acting State Director and Housing Programs Director, Scooter Brockette, has announced that Trinity Mortgage Services has been recognized as a Million Dollar Lender in the Guaranteed Rural Housing loan program for the second consecutive year. To highlight this achievement, an award was presented to Lou Ann Bransford, owner of Trinity Mortgage Services, and her staff at the Guaranteed Rural Housing Lenders Meeting held last week

in Temple, Texas. To receive this recognition, the recipient must have loaned over \$1 million while maintaining a low delinquency.

“Together, USDA Rural Development and Trinity Mortgage Services work as a team to provide opportunities for rural Texas homeowners,” said Brockette. “Our Guaranteed Rural Housing Loan Program is the best option for eligible low and moderate-income applicants to move into a home without a down payment.”

Trinity Mortgage Services, located in Palestine and Jacksonville, Texas, was established in 2001 and provides USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing loans along with other mortgage loan products throughout the state of Texas.

USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing loans are a more affordable alternative to other mortgage loan products that charge monthly mortgage insurance. Other zero down programs charge an up front mortgage insurance premium that is due at closing, with monthly mortgage thereafter. In comparison, the Guaranteed Rural Housing Program offers a significant savings to borrowers by charging a one-time only guarantee fee that is due at closing, and no monthly mortgage insurance. Typical savings for a family can range between \$20.00 and \$50.00 per month. Without expensive mortgage insurance premiums, homebuyers can qualify for a “better” home, which could mean the additional bathroom or bedroom that they may desire.

Loans can be made to purchase new or existing homes that meet Agency requirements. In many cases most of the closing costs associated with purchasing the house can be financed into the loan.

USDA Rural Development Housing Programs target communities with populations of 10,000 or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population. Never assume an area is not eligible.

The USDA Rural Development local office that serves your area can be located at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/officeinfo.htm>, or call the State Office Housing Program at (254) 742-9770. Trinity Mortgage Services can be reached at 800 N. Church, Palestine, Texas 75801, (866) 243-2158, or at www.trinitymortgageservices.com.

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