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CURTIS ANDERSON, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE USDA/RURAL DEVELOPMENT'S RURAL UTILITIES PROGRAM, WILL SPEAK AT FTTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO AND CONNECTED@HOME CONFERENCE & EXPO

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CABA and the Fiber-to-the-Home Council today announced that Mr. Curtis Anderson, Acting Administrator of USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Programs, will be a keynote speaker at this year's FTTH Conference & Expo and Connected@Home Conference & Expo. Mr. Anderson will speak to the success of new initiatives offered by the USDA Rural Development Broadband Loan Program.

The fourth annual FTTH Council Conference & Expo will be held October 3 - 6, at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. The FTTH Conference is the premier event for advancing residential broadband access in North America. Speakers will include industry luminaries, government decision makers and optical fiber network implementers. Collocated with the FTTH conference is the Connected@Home2005 Conference & Expo presented by the Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA).

USDA Rural Development has provided programs for financing rural America's telecommunications infrastructure for over 50 years. The "traditional" infrastructure loan program, consisting of hardship, cost of money, Rural Telephone Bank, and guaranteed loans, provides financing of broadband and other advanced services. As a result of these innovative programs, rural carriers are providing more access and a higher deployment rate of access than ever before.

"The loan programs provided by USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Programs have been pivotal to developing fiber-to-the-home networks in communities throughout the United States," said Leonard Ray, President of the FTTH Council Board of Directors. "We are delighted to have Mr. Anderson address delegates about continued future support our industry can expect from RUS."

About CABA

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at www.caba.org.

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