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## **USDA Rural Development Provides Grant for Biodiesel Refinery** Grant awarded to Rocky Mountain Sustainable Enterprises, LLC

**Fort Morgan, Colo., October 28, 2008**— Colorado Rural Development State Director Mike Bennett was in Fort Morgan today to present Aaron Perry, Chief Executive Officer, and other representatives from Rocky Mountain Sustainable Enterprises (RMSE), LLC with a \$500,000 Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Grant. “Based on the strength and security of their established and growing biodiesel feedstock recycling business, RMSE has chosen Fort Morgan as the proposed site for a biodiesel refinery with a 4.5 million gallon per year capacity,” said Bennett. RMSE is a developer and owner/operator of liquid waste handling systems, biofuels and feedstock production facilities, and vertically-integrated biofuel supply chains. Perry said, “by directly serving over 2,000 commercial and government customers in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region, we at RMSE are dedicated to enhancing the energy and agricultural security of our region through regional, cost-competitive waste and biomass renewable energy supply chain solutions.” For more information on RMSE, please call (303) 544 1500, or visit [www.rmse.biz](http://www.rmse.biz) .

Tom Plant, Director of the Governor’s Energy Office added that “Rocky Mountain Sustainable Enterprises is helping to build the New Energy Economy for Colorado by creating sustainable, financially competitive, renewable biodiesel. This biodiesel project will provide economic opportunities for rural Colorado and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.”

The Section 9006 Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements program provides financial assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to support renewable energy projects across a wide range of technologies encompassing biomass (including anaerobic digesters), geothermal, hydrogen, solar and wind energy. It also provides support for energy efficiency improvements, helping recipients reduce energy consumption and improve operations.

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