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To: USDA Grant Officials:

Please allow this letter to serve as confirmation of our intent for the Montague County Commissioner's Court to participate in USDA Grant RD-RBS-21-01-RISE, if our planning Board's application is approved for Montague County.

After being invited to participate in the Board's first organizational meeting, it became obvious that our county citizens and businesses could benefit in several ways through the educational training, individual mentoring, job creations and help with housing. The creation of new businesses is both realistic and much needed.

It is my understanding that although Color Orchids is committing substantial funds toward the completion of the facility and success of the project, each participating partner will also contribute through in-kind services. This will be done at a rate of approximately 20% of the cost of their respective services before requesting any project funds.

Our meeting schedule has not allowed us to approve an agenda item yet, but it will be formally presented at our next meeting scheduled for August 9, 2021.

We enthusiastically support and approve any consideration you give to the North Texas Rural Jobs Accelerator application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Benton", written over a horizontal line.

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