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Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Executive Director, Harvey County Economic Development Council
Sheri Esau, Assistant Director, Harvey County Economic Development Council
Randy Riggs, Newton City Manager
John Waltner, Harvey County Administrator

Dear Mickey, Sheri, Randy and John,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the City of Newton and Harvey County on the partnership that has resulted in establishing the Kansas Logistics Park in Newton, Kansas. This type partnership and collaboration is critical to the success of rural communities. The leadership that Harvey County Economic Development Council has shown in their regional approach to issues and opportunities should serve as a model for economic development in rural Kansas.

We at USDA Rural Development recognize that the relationships that are formed by thinking regionally can increase the scope of expertise resulting in benefits to the entire region!

We look forward to supporting the Kansas Logistics Park in Newton with the Agencies programs and once again congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RKB".

RICHARD K. BOYLES
Area Director