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Vitter, Alexander Announce Grant Award for Northeast Louisiana Economic Alliance

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Sen. David Vitter and U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander today announced the award of a \$261,475 grant to the Northeast Louisiana Economic Alliance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Community Development Initiative.

“This funding will be a great help to our small communities as they strive to attract new businesses and grow their local economies,” Vitter said. “The work of the NELEA will help provide job opportunities throughout northeast Louisiana.”

“As science and technology continue to change the way business is conducted in the global market, providing technology training to our workforce is key to keeping our communities competitive and attractive to new industries,” Alexander said. “Through this funding, 47 communities in Louisiana will have the opportunity to attain this training and get the edge they need to draw in more business and strengthen our local economies.”

The grant will allow the NELEA to train and assist 47 rural communities to improve their marketing and outreach efforts to business and industry.