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Polar Assists in \$300,000 USDA Grant for Local Hospital

PARK RIVER, ND – September 8, 2005 – Polar Communications of Park River recently received notice of the approval of a Rural Development Grant through United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Rural Development funds are used to provide rural utilities program borrowers, such as Polar, to provide economic development. This grant will be awarded to First Care Health Center in Park River to assist in the project that will renovate the existing hospital and construct a new clinic.

This grant was initiated by Polar Communications, which serves the local hospital. It consists of a 0% interest loan with 20% equity required from the community. This 20% will add an additional \$60,000 with \$30,000 each coming from Polar Communications and First Care Health Center. First Care Health Center will repay \$36,000 per year, which will remain in the community as a revolving loan for other economic development projects.

“We are very excited to assist First Care Health Center with this project,” said David Dunning, General Manager/CEO of Polar Communications and current Vice President of First Care Health Center’s Board of Directors. The hospital is a vital part of our community, along with the 80 plus people it employs.”