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Ribbon Cutting Event Held for New American AgCredit Office in Great Bend, KS

New office in Central Kansas to support ag borrowers

WICHITA, KS (Dec 2014) – A ceremonial Ribbon Cutting unveiled the new office in Great Bend, Kansas, for Farm Credit lender American AgCredit. The event took place on Thursday, December 18 at 10 am at the new office building at 5634 10th Street, Great Bend. More than 60 people attended the frosty morning event, and enjoyed hearing comments from leaders in American AgCredit, and the Great Bend Community.

Participants in the event included Roger Bastow, Chief Administrative Officer and Greg Reno, Regional Vice President, both of American AgCredit, Greg Ringler and Jerold Harris Directors of American AgCredit & Building Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and Jan Peters, President & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce. The construction management team, project architects, area partners, and members of the community were in attendance as well, and took part in cutting the ribbon.

“The City of Great Bend has put great emphasis on growth and progress for the community, and was supportive of our project all along the way,” said Bastow. “Everyone involved – from the city to the builder, Simpson Construction Services, and others – worked as a team to accomplish construction of this wonderful facility in just nine months.”

The facility encompasses 6,500 square feet in a single story, and includes a nearly 1,000 square foot conference room that can be made available to customers and agricultural groups needing a convenient place to meet and conduct business. The meeting room features an attached kitchen and an adjacent fenced patio and receiving area.

Driveways are extra-wide to accommodate farm vehicles. All parking onsite is over-sized, with a continuous loop driveway providing excellent access for trucks and trailers. The location provides enlarged approaches, allowing customers easy access to the property.

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Designed by SPT Architecture, the facility was built by Simpson Construction Services, of Wichita, Kansas, which provided general contract services. The building was open to the public for its first day of business on December 8, 2014, right on schedule. Currently, total employment in the building is seven, with the facility housing lending, appraisal and crop insurance staff.

"We're excited about this new facility and location," said President and CEO Byron Enix. "Our priority is to be there for all types of agriculture, and the Great Bend office will allow us to connect with our local customers throughout the region."

About American AgCredit

Founded in 1916, American AgCredit is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, and is the nation's 6th largest Farm Credit cooperative. American AgCredit specializes in providing financial services to agricultural and rural customers throughout California, Nevada, Central Kansas, Northern Oklahoma, Western Colorado, and Northern New Mexico – as well as to capital markets customers in 30 states across the nation.

Financial services provided by American AgCredit include production and mortgage financing, equipment and vehicle leasing, crop and life insurance, lines of credit, and the Young, Beginning and Small farmer program. In addition, the Association provides interest-free loans for qualifying 4-H and FFA AgYouth programs, as well as college scholarships to young people interested in agriculture.

For more information about American AgCredit's financial services, call 800-466-1146 or visit the website at www.agloan.com for a listing of offices by region.

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