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**COMMISSIONER TODD STAPLES AWARDS CITY OF DRISCOLL \$209,900 FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

DRISCOLL- Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced the Texas Department of Agriculture has approved a \$209,900 infrastructure award for the City of Driscoll. The award, presented from the Texas Capital Fund, will provide funding for water and sewer infrastructure improvements to Zebra Inc., and create 14 jobs.

The Texas Capital Fund, part of the federal Community Development Block Grant program, provides more than \$10 million in competitive awards each year to boost economic development in small Texas cities and counties. Administered in cooperation with the Office of Rural Community Affairs, the program is housed under TDA's Rural Economic Development Division.

"The Texas Capital Fund is a great tool to ensure economic growth in every region of our state," Commissioner Staples said. "This award will give a boost to Driscoll and is an example of good business and great partnerships at work in Texas."

The Texas Capital Fund provides funding for projects under four different programs: Infrastructure Development, Real Estate Development, Main Street Improvements and Downtown Revitalization. Infrastructure awards may be used for projects that include water and sewer lines, road improvements, fiber optic lines and railroad spurs. Real estate awards may be used to acquire, construct or rehabilitate buildings; the Main Street and Downtown Revitalization programs provide grants to non-entitlement cities for the purpose of renovating or constructing sidewalks, lighting, drainage and other infrastructure elements in downtown areas.

For more information about the Texas Capital Fund, contact the TDA Rural Economic Development Division, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711, or call the toll-free Rural Assistance line at (877) 428-7848.

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