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MORRIS FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$10,000 RURAL LEADERSHIP GRANT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (Feb. 16, 2010) – The Ralph K. Morris Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from The Farm Credit System Foundation’s *Douglas D. Sims Fund for Rural Leadership*. This fund, created in honor of CoBank’s former CEO Douglas D. Sims, supports programs that focus on rural leadership development, with a special emphasis on those committed to making their communities better places to live.

The Ralph K. Morris Foundation will use the \$10,000 grant to provide opportunities to emerging men and women who wish to develop and strengthen their cooperative leadership and development skills by attending cooperative educational programs.

In 2009, the Morris Foundation awarded 93 Cooperative Leadership Fund scholarships totaling more than \$25,000. In addition, the Foundation awarded a \$2,500 scholarship from the Elroy Webster Cooperative Studies Fund to a Kansas State University Masters student whose primary focus is agricultural studies.

The Ralph K. Morris Foundation was established in 2001 to carry on the legacy of a great cooperative leader, attorney Ralph Morris. The objective of the Foundation is to provide development opportunities for emerging leaders expressing interest in applying and advancing the principles of cooperation. Please consider supporting the Ralph K. Morris Foundation. Gifts are deductible for federal income tax purposes as charitable contributions. For more information on the Morris Foundation, visit the Foundation’s website at www.ralphkmorrisfoundation.org.