



For Immediate Release
December 18, 2007

Contact: Joel DiGrado
(202) 224-4623
Jenni Terry
(202) 225-8490

Vitter, Alexander Announce Award of DRA Grant to Tensas Community Health Center

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Sen. David Vitter and U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander today announced the award of a Delta Regional Authority grant of \$100,000 for the expansion of the Tensas Community Health Center. The funds will be used to purchase land adjacent to the health center, providing the center with the additional space needed to construct additional examination rooms and dental service facilities.

“It is difficult for some local residents to travel for their medical needs, and for some it is simply not possible,” said Vitter. “This grant will expand the availability of local services greatly improving access to health care for local residents.”

“Making quality health care more available in our rural areas has long been a goal for the 5th Congressional District,” Alexander said. “Throughout the district, facilities such as the Tensas Community Health Center are meeting these local needs, and this grant will allow the center to build on its current services as well as address a medical need that is often overlooked – dental care.”

Congress provides funds to the Delta Regional Authority on an annual basis for distribution under its grant programs. Tensas Community Health Center is qualified to receive federal funds under this program to provide health care to local residents, regardless of their ability to pay for services.

