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Dvorak named to RCAP Hall of Fame

NEW PRAGUE, Minn., October 15, 2009 – Joe Dvorak has been named to Rural Communities Assistance Partnership’s Hall of Fame. RCAP is the national organization for six partners, including Midwest Assistance Program, Inc. This is the first time RCAP has presented awards at the national level, and honorees were nominated by their colleagues.

Dvorak, who joined MAP when it was still a pilot program, was recognized for his significant contributions to the organization throughout his career. A long-time resource development advisor for MAP, Dvorak now is regional director responsible for MAP’s staff and activities in Nebraska and North and South Dakota. He works out of Pickstown, S.D.

On receiving the award, Dvorak said, “This award is a great honor. The staff of the entire RCAP network should be exceptionally proud to be part of an organization that provides some of the best technical assistance available to rural America.”

Two other outstanding, long-term employees also were inducted into the RCAP Hall of Fame: Deb Martin, Great Lakes RCAP; and Mark Rounsavall, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project. All three inductees were recognized at RCAP’s national conference in mid-September in Arlington, Va.

“RCAP is fortunate to have talented and highly committed staff like Joe working to improve living conditions in rural America,” said Robert Stewart, RCAP’s executive director. “They demonstrate an exceptional level of commitment to their work and to the communities they serve. The RCAP board of directors is elated to honor them and recognize their dedication to providing critically needed technical assistance and training to small and low-income communities.”

Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping rural communities in a nine-state area improve their environment, quality of life and achieve self sustainability. MAP helps revitalize small communities by working with them to find solutions for their infrastructure, enterprise development, aging, technology or training issues. It’s a member of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, a national, rural community development network. MAP is an equal-opportunity lender, provider and employer.