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US Government Agency Rewards Responsible Michigan Homeowners

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PORTAGE, Mich. - Since 2009, more than 22,000 Michiganders have been able to buy a home with no down payment through the [USDA Rural Development](#) program. The Single Family Housing Guaranteed Home Loan program focuses on connecting home buyers with rural properties – including many townships and villages in Southwest Michigan. Now the USDA is announcing a refinance program to help those homeowners – hundreds of which live in the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek area – restructure their mortgage loan and pay lower interest rates. This refi program will help save families money in this cash-strapped economy.

Thursday May 31, [USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Doug O'Brien](#) will visit West Michigan to announce the roll-out of this refinance program. O'Brien will be joined by Michigan's Rural Development State Director James J. Turner and AmeriFirst Home Mortgage Co-founders Mark A. Jones (president) and David Gahm (CEO). As the [top USDA Rural Development lender in Michigan](#), AmeriFirst is proud to host this event to let Michigan families know about this helpful program.

Several Michigan lawmakers and Congressional members have also been invited to take part in this roll-out. We hope you will, as well. Deputy Under Secretary O'Brien and the rest of the participants will be available afterward for a question and answer session where you can find out more information on how the USDA Rural Development program performs in the current housing market.

- **WHO:** U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Doug O'Brien, Rural Development State Director for Michigan James J. Turner, AmeriFirst Home Mortgage Co-founders: President Mark A. Jones and CEO David Gahm, and other guests.
- **WHAT:** Rural Development will announce the Michigan rollout of the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Rural Refinance Pilot Program and recognize AmeriFirst as the Guaranteed Home Loan Partner of the Year.
- **WHEN:** Thursday, May 31, at 1 p.m.
- **WHERE:** [AmeriFirst Home Mortgage](#), 616 W. Centre Ave, in Portage.
- **CONTACT:** USDA Rural Development (Michigan) 517.324.5204

About AmeriFirst: [AmeriFirst Home Mortgage](#) is a [community mortgage banker](#) with more than 25 years serving the real estate market. [AmeriFirst corporate headquarters](#) is located in Portage, Michigan. AmeriFirst is licensed in MI, MN, WI, IN, IL, OH, KY, TN, NC, AL & FL. You can view this news release on the [AmeriFirst Newsroom](#).



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