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CHS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$620,000 IN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS

ST. PAUL, Minn. (Jan. 19, 2009) – The CHS Foundation announced today it has awarded \$620,000 in Cooperative Education Grants in support of the valuable role of cooperative business in communities across the country. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., a leading energy and grain-based foods company with a stewardship focus on building vibrant communities.

This year funds are being distributed among 19 organizations, reaching 28 youth and adult education programs across the country. First-time Cooperative Education Grant recipients include: University of Nebraska Foundation—eXtension’s *Community of Practice* program, Southern New Hampshire’s *Cooperative Approaches to Turbulent Times* webinar series, Cooperative Network’s *Cooperative Awareness* program, Cooperative Education Corporation’s *Native American Ag Day* and The Nebraska Cooperative Council’s *Understanding Cooperatives Curriculum* update project.

“The CHS Foundation is thrilled to support these 19 organizations which play a vital role in further developing and enhancing the understanding of cooperative business,”

said William Nelson, president, CHS Foundation. The Cooperative Education Grants (<http://www.chsfoundation.org/coopedu.html>) are part of an annual competitive program.

The CHS Foundation (www.chsfoundation.org) is the major giving entity of CHS Inc. (www.chsinc.com), a diversified energy, grains and foods company committed to providing the essential resources that enrich lives around the world. A Fortune 200 company, CHS is owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives, along with thousands of preferred stockholders across the United States. CHS supplies energy, crop nutrients, grain, livestock feed, food and food ingredients, along with business solutions including insurance, financial and risk management services. The company operates petroleum refineries/pipelines and manufactures, markets and distributes Cenex® brand refined fuels, lubricants, propane and renewable energy products. CHS is listed on the NASDAQ at CHSCP.

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