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CHS and Agriculture Future of America expand partnership

ST. PAUL, Minn. (Oct. 4, 2007) – In an effort to meet ever-growing demands for top talent in the agribusiness industry, CHS, a leading energy and grains company, has announced an expanded partnership with Agriculture Future of America (AFA), a collegiate organization that provides leader and career development for students pursuing careers in agriculture.

“AFA is committed to assisting college men and women prepare for an exciting career in the 21st century agriculture industry,” says Russell Weathers, AFA chief executive officer. “Our partnership with CHS will assist in the identification of students who are interested in careers in agriculture and rural America.”

Under the expanded partnership, CHS is making a \$40,000 contribution that will help AFA provide quality programs and experiences for college students. Funded by CHS and the CHS Foundation, the dollars will also sponsor 20 students, including CHS and cooperative system interns, to the annual AFA Leaders Conference, Nov. 8-11, in Kansas City, Mo.

Drawing 400-plus students, AFA Leaders Conference sessions feature industry experts and an opportunity fair. CHS also participates in the event.

“We are proud to increase our partnership with AFA,” says William J. Nelson, CHS Foundation president. “AFA provides our industry, cooperatives and communities with talented young women and men who are passionate about agriculture and rural America.”

Since 1996, AFA (www.agfuture.org) has provided leader and career development training to more than 4,000 college students and young professionals in agriculture. Its mission is to create partnerships that identify, encourage and support outstanding college men and women who are preparing for careers in the agriculture and food industry.

The CHS Foundation (www.chsfoundation.org) is the major giving entity of CHS Inc. (www.chsinc.com), a leading energy and grains-based foods company. As part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation is committed to investing in the future of rural America, agriculture and cooperative businesses through education and leadership development. With more than \$28 million in endowed assets, the CHS Foundation annually distributes \$1.7 million through grants, scholarships and educational support.

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