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NREDA PRESIDENT’S AWARD PRESENTED TO MENDI ALEXANDER AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHARLESTON, SC

Charleston, South Carolina, November 2-4, 2016 – A delegation of nearly 120 members of National Rural Economic Developers Association (NREDA) attended the Association's annual conference in Mount Pleasant, SC, at The Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina. **Honored at the NREDA Awards Luncheon was Mendi Alexander Anschutz, NEX-TECH, Hays, KS “2016 NREDA President’s Award” recipient.**

Mendi was chosen for this honor for her service to NREDA on the Public Relations and Marketing Committee and her trusty input on the twice monthly newsletter, the *NREDA News Brief*. Mendi was the co-chair of the 2015 annual conference. She has also served on the Nominations Committee and was elected to the NREDA Board in 2014. Mendi is a champion for rural America and is featured in one of our videos on the home page of the website talking about “Raising Hope” talking about the youth entrepreneur program in her community in Hays, Kansas. Her organization has been a longtime sponsor of annual conference and Mendi has a consistent attendance at NREDA events – both conferences and board meetings,” stated Trista Fugate, NREDA president.

The President’s Award recognizes outstanding support of NREDA and its mission and purpose. Recipients are those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in their own economic development position, shown leadership through committee work or at the board level and have gone above and beyond in their efforts on NREDA’s behalf to grow rural America.

NREDA is an organization of economic development professionals focused on the issues and opportunities of rural America. It is dedicated to meeting the unique needs of its membership through ongoing education and networking programs, while serving as an information source and conduit for business retention and expansion efforts for NREDA members and the areas they serve. For more information about NREDA visit www.nreda.org or contact NREDA headquarters at (515) 284-1421. xxx