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DISASTER NEWS

Loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes

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SBA Opens Disaster Loan Outreach Centers; Officials Stress Submit Disaster Loan Applications Now

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announces today that they are establishing two Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) on May 18; one in Fulton County at the Rochester Fire Department and the other in LaPorte County at the LaPorte Parks and Recreation Department. The establishment of the Centers demonstrates SBA’s commitment to ensure that every qualified individual and business receives the help they need to recover from this disaster.

“Assisting individuals and business owners to recover from a disaster is our primary mission,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA Field Operations Center East. “We are encouraging anyone affected by this disaster to visit a center while we still have staff here and obtain individual assistance with completing their loan applications from our representatives.”

Many residents and businesses that have registered with FEMA for assistance have received an SBA disaster loan application. Completing the loan application and returning it is a crucial step toward disaster recovery. Homeowners and renters unable to obtain a disaster loan from the SBA may be referred to FEMA for grant consideration. To be eligible for these grants, applicants must submit their SBA loan application even if they do not want a loan. No one is required to accept a loan.

The locations of the Centers are as follows:

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs)

Fulton County	LaPorte County
Rochester Fire Dept	LaPorte Parks and Recreation Department
2006 East State Route 14	250 Pine Lake Avenue
Rochester, IN 46975	LaPorte, IN 46350
Opens Monday, May 18	Opens Monday, May 18
Open Monday-Friday; 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM <i>(closed May 25 for Memorial Day)</i>	Open Monday-Friday; 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM <i>(closed May 25 for Memorial Day)</i>
Closing Thursday, May 28 at the close of business	Closing Thursday, May 28 at the close of business

FEMA/SBA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)

Open Monday-Saturday; 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Fulton County	Pulaski County	White County
Rochester Fire Dept	Winamac Municipal Utility Complex	White County EMA Office
2006 East State Route 14	623 West 11 th Street	315 N. Illinois Street
Rochester, IN 46975	Winamac, IN 46996	Monticello, IN 47960
Closing Sat. May 16 at the close of business as a FEMA DRC and reopens Monday, May 18 as an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center.		

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Mobile DRCs – Open Monday – Sunday; 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM	
Marshall County	Noble County
Church of the Heartland	Albion Fire Dept.
705 East Jefferson Street	210 Fire Station Drive
Plymouth, IN 46563	Albion, IN 46701
Open Fri., May 15 thru Mon, May 18	Open Sat., May 16 thru Tue, May 19
Closing Monday, May 18 at the close of business.	Closing Tuesday, May 19 at the close of business.

“Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property,” Frank Skaggs added.

Businesses of any size and non-profit organizations in the following counties may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, inventory, machinery and equipment. The SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future

For small businesses and private non-profit organizations of all sizes, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Interest rates are as low as 2.187 percent for homeowners and renters, and 4.000 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Anyone unable to visit one of the Centers may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (or 1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications may be downloaded from www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Applications may be returned to one of the Disaster Recovery Centers or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

Those affected by the disaster may apply for disaster loans from SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **June 22, 2009**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **January 22, 2010**.

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For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.