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*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## **SBA Announces Application Deadline For Small Businesses in 22 Washington Counties**

**Sacramento, CA** – Nancy Gilbertson, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Seattle District Office, announced today that small businesses have until **September 12, 2007** to apply for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). “These EIDLs are available to small businesses for working capital needs as a result of the severe storms and flooding that occurred in 11 Washington counties November 2 through November 11, 2006,” Gilbertson said.

Small businesses in the 11 counties of **Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston** and **Wahkiakum**, the neighboring counties of **Chelan, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Whatcom**, and **Yakima** in Washington; **Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River** and **Multnomah** in Oregon are eligible to apply for these working capital loans. According to Gilbertson, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help small businesses meet working capital needs caused by the disaster.

“SBA has approved more than \$13.5 million in disaster loans to Washington homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the storms and flooding,” she said.

EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. “These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. The loans also can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help them overcome the loss of revenue they are experiencing,” she continued.

Business owners may receive information and loan applications by calling SBA toll-free at **(800) 659-2955** or visiting SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Hearing impaired individuals may call SBA toll-free at (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return EIDL applications is **September 12, 2007**.

*For more information visit SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).*

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