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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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Disaster Assistance Available for Small Businesses

Sacramento, CA – Small businesses in 40 Kansas counties (plus neighboring counties in Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma) may now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). “These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought, followed by excessive winds and above normal temperatures, in fourteen primary Kansas counties beginning January 1, 2006,” announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA’s Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

Small businesses in the following primary and neighboring counties may apply:

Primary Kansas counties:

Allen	Bourbon	Chautauqua	Coffey	Cowley	Crawford
Elk	Labette	Leavenworth	Linn	Montgomery	Neosho
Pottawatomie	Washington				

Neighboring Kansas counties:

Anderson	Atchison	Butler	Cherokee	Clay	Cloud
Douglas	Franklin	Greenwood	Jackson	Jefferson	Johnson
Lyon	Marshall	Miami	Nemaha	Osage	Republic
Riley	Sedgwick	Shawnee	Sumner	Wabaunsee	Wilson
Woodson	Wyandotte				

Neighboring Missouri counties: **Barton, Bates, Jasper, Platte** and **Vernon**;

Neighboring Nebraska counties: **Gage, Jefferson** and **Thayer**;

Neighboring Oklahoma counties: **Craig, Kay, Nowata, Osage** and **Washington**.

Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. “Eligibility for these working capital loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship,” Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared this disaster at the request of Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary’s declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

For information and application forms call toll-free (800) 659-2955, or visit the SBA website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is **September 10, 2007**.

For more information visit SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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