



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

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

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## **SBA to Close Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Cowley County**

**Sacramento, CA** – Samuel C. Jones, the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Regional Administrator, announced today that SBA will close its **Cowley County** Disaster Loan Outreach Center on **Wednesday, September 12 at 6 pm**. The center is located at the **District Office USD-465, 1407 Wheat Road in Winfield**.

This center opened to provide homeowners, renters and business owners with personalized assistance as a result of the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred June 26 through July 25. “So far, SBA has approved over \$21.5 million in low-interest disaster loans for Kansas residents and businesses affected by this disaster,” said Jones.

SBA is the federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. SBA disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

For small businesses only, 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.

“SBA is still accepting applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) from small businesses that sustained economic losses due to the severe storms and flooding that occurred June 26 through July 25,” Jones said. “EIDLs of up to \$1.5 million are available to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred,” he continued.

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. The deadline to submit Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications is **April 7, 2008**.

SBA disaster customer service representatives are still available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center and Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the disaster area to provide information and assistance with the SBA disaster loan program. Individuals and business owners can meet with SBA representatives at the following locations on the days and times indicated.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Allen County</u></b> <b>IOLA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Disaster Recovery Center St. John's Parish Center 315 South Street</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Cowley County</u></b> <b>WINFIELD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Disaster Loan Outreach Center District Office USD-465 1407 Wheat Road</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm <b>Closes: Wednesday, September 12 COB</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Miami County</u></b> <b>OSAWATOMIE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Disaster Recovery Center Osawatome High School 1200 Trojan Drive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm <b>Closes: Saturday, September 8 COB</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Montgomery County</u></b> <b>COFFEYVILLE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Disaster Recovery Center Coffeeyville Community College 600 Roosevelt Street, Rooms 210 &amp; 211</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Montgomery County</u></b> <b>INDEPENDENCE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Disaster Recovery Center Memorial Hall 410 N Pennsylvania Avenue Rooms 104 &amp; 107</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mondays – Fridays 9 am – 6 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm</p>	

SBA disaster assistance information is available by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at **(800) 659-2955**, or by visiting SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

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

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