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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 in Bartlesville and South Coffeyville

Sacramento, CA – Dorothy Overall, District Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Oklahoma office announced today that SBA is opening Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in **Washington** County and **Nowata** County to provide personal service to the residents and businesses affected by the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes that occurred from June 10 through July 25.

“SBA Customer Service Representatives are on hand at the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) and the following Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, and help each individual and business owner complete their application,” Overall said. The centers will be open on the indicated days and times:

Comanche County

Lawton

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center
4135 W Gore Boulevard

Re-Opens:

Tuesday, August 7 through
Sunday August 12 only
8 am – 6 pm

Nowata County

South Coffeyville

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
New City Hall
419 Willow Street

Opens: Thursday, August 2
Thursdays and Fridays Only
9 am – 6 pm

Ottawa County

Miami

Disaster Recovery Center
Furniture Gallery
1601 North Main

Mondays – Saturdays
8 am – 6 pm

Pottawatomie County

Shawnee

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center
Conference Center Building
Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center
1700 W Independence

Opens: Tuesday, July 31
through Sunday August 5
8 am – 6 pm

Washington County

Bartlesville

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Bartlesville Public Library
600 South Johnstone Avenue

Opens: Monday July 30
Mondays - Wednesdays
9 am – 6 pm

“So far, SBA has approved more than \$3.3 million in low interest disaster loans to Oklahoma residents and businesses hurt by the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes,” she added.

“Low-interest Federal disaster loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private, non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes. Disaster 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,” said Overall.

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Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. 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 only, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Individuals and businesses unable to visit SBA in person may obtain information and loan applications by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955**. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **September 5, 2007**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **April 7, 2008**.

For more information visit SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance>

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