



DISASTER NEWS

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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Disaster Assistance Available for Small Businesses

Sacramento, CA - Small, non-farm businesses in all Missouri counties (plus neighboring counties in Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Tennessee) 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 severe freezing temperatures that occurred in the following 63 primary Missouri counties from March 30 through April 21, 2007, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

Primary Missouri counties:

Adair	Andrew	Atchison	Barry	Barton
Bates	Benton	Bollinger	Boone	Buchanan
Butler	Caldwell	Callaway	Camden	Cape Girardeau
Carroll	Dade	Dallas	Daviess	DeKalb
Dent	Douglas	Dunklin	Franklin	Gasconade
Gentry	Harrison	Henry	Hickory	Holt
Howard	Howell	Lincoln	Macon	Maries
Marion	McDonald	Mercer	Miller	Mississippi
Moniteau	Monroe	Montgomery	Morgan	New Madrid
Newton	Nodaway	Oregon	Putnam	Ralls
Randolph	Ray	Reynolds	Ripley	Saint Clair
Saline	Schuyler	Scott	Shannon	Shelby
St. Francois	St. Louis (City)	Ste. Genevieve	Stoddard	

Neighboring Missouri counties:

Audrain	Carter	Cass	Cedar	Chariton
Christian	Clay	Clinton	Cole	Cooper
Crawford	Greene	Grundy	Iron	Jackson
Jasper	Jefferson	Johnson	Knox	Laclede
Lafayette	Lawrence	Lewis	Linn	Livingston
Madison	Osage	Ozark	Pemiscot	Perry
Pettis	Phelps	Pike	Platte	Polk
Pulaski	Scotland	St. Charles	St. Louis	Stone
Sullivan	Taney	Texas	Vernon	Warren
Washington	Wayne	Webster	Worth	Wright

Neighboring Arkansas counties:

Benton	Carroll	Clay	Craighead	Fulton
Greene	Mississippi	Randolph	Sharp	

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Neighboring Illinois counties:

Adams	Alexander	Calhoun	Madison	Monroe
Pike	Randolph	Saint Clair	Union	

Neighboring Iowa counties:

Appanoose	Davis	Decatur	Fremont	Page
Ringgold	Taylor	Wayne		

Neighboring Kansas counties:

Atchison	Cherokee	Crawford	Doniphan	Linn
Miami				

Neighboring Kentucky counties:

Ballard	Carlisle	Fulton	Hickman
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Neighboring Nebraska counties:

Nemaha	Otoe	Richardson
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Neighboring Oklahoma counties:

Delaware	Ottawa
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Neighboring Tennessee counties:

Lake

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 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 these disasters 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.

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

The deadline to apply for these loans is **February 26, 2008**.

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

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