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DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Midwest City and Ratliff City

Sacramento, CA – Dorothy Overall, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Oklahoma District Office, announced today that SBA will close its Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) in Midwest City and Ratliff City at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 18.

SBA opened the centers to provide personalized assistance to residents and businesses affected by the wildfires that occurred April 9 through April 12, 2009. “SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the centers to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their application and close their approved disaster loans until then. Residents and business owners can speak with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary,” said Overall.

Midwest City

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Eastside Church of Christ
916 South Douglas Boulevard
Midwest City, OK

Monday through Friday
9 am to 6 pm

Closes on Tuesday, August 18 at 6 pm

Ratliff City

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Ratliff City Volunteer Fire Department
10646 State Highway 7
Ratliff City, OK

Monday through Friday
9 am to 6 pm

Closes on Tuesday, August 18 at 6 pm

“So far, SBA has approved more than \$1.1 million for Oklahoma residents and businesses affected by this disaster,” said Overall. Individuals and business owners who sustained damages are encouraged to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling the tele-registration number at (800) 621-3362 or (800) 462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired, prior to the August 18, 2009 deadline. “Don’t miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help,” she added.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 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 homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

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For small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations of any size, 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.

Disaster victims may apply online using the SBA's Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

SBA disaster loan information and assistance will continue to be available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return applications for property damage is **August 18, 2009**. The EIDL application deadline is **March 17, 2010**.

*For more information, visit SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.
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