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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Announces Application Deadline For Small Businesses in Twelve Missouri Counties

Sacramento, CA – Dennis S. Melton, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) St. Louis District Office, announced today that small businesses have until **September 17, 2007** to apply for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). “These EIDLs are available to small businesses for working capital needs as a result of the severe storms in **New Madrid** and **Perry** counties that began September 22, 2006,” Melton said.

Small businesses in the Missouri counties of **New Madrid** and **Perry**, the neighboring counties of **Bollinger**, **Cape Girardeau**, **Dunklin**, **Madison**, **Mississippi**, **Pemiscot**, **Scott**, **St. Francois**, **Ste. Genevieve** and **Stoddard** in Missouri; **Jackson**, **Randolph** and **Union** in Illinois; **Fulton** in Kentucky; and **Lake** in Tennessee are eligible to apply for these working capital loans. According to Melton, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help small businesses meet working capital needs caused by the disaster.

“So far, SBA has approved more than \$2 million in disaster loans to Missouri homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the storms,” he said.

EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. “These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. The loans also can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help them overcome the loss of revenue they are experiencing,” he continued.

Business owners may receive information and loan applications by calling SBA toll-free at **(800) 659-2955** or visiting SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call SBA toll-free at (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return EIDL applications is **September 17, 2007**.

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

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