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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Disaster Loan Outreach Centers on Oahu and Maui

Sacramento, CA – Andrew K. Poepoe, District Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Hawaii office, today reminded homeowners, renters and business owners that SBA will close its Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in **Honolulu** and **Maui Counties** on **Friday, January 18** at **7 pm**.

“SBA’s customer service representatives will be available until the centers close to provide personalized service, answer specific questions about how a disaster loan from SBA may help each disaster victim recover from the severe storms and flooding that occurred December 4 through December 7, and provide one-on-one assistance in completing their loan application,” Poepoe said. Anyone who has received an SBA application is encouraged to return it to the outreach center nearest them before it closes.

The outreach centers are located at the following locations and will be open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 7 pm:

Honolulu County

Ward Plaza
210 Ward Avenue, Suite 117
Honolulu, HI

Closes January 18

Honolulu County

Enchanted Lake Shopping Center
1020 Keolu Drive, Suite C-7A
Kailua, HI

Closes January 18

Maui County

89 Hookele Street, Suite 104
Kahului, HI

Closes January 18

Disaster loans of 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 \$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 homeowners and business owners to help with the cost of making improvements that prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. The deadline to return applications for property damage is **February 18, 2008**.

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. The deadline to return economic injury loan applications is **September 19, 2008**.

After SBA’s outreach centers close, individuals and businesses should mail their completed applications to the SBA at 14925 Kingsport Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76155. Individuals and business owners unable to visit SBA at one of the centers may obtain information by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955** or visiting SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.

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

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