



# DISASTER NEWS

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## **SBA to Re-Open Disaster Loan Outreach Center to Assist Victims of January's Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding**

**Sacramento, CA** – Gary L. Cook, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Kansas City District Office, announced today that SBA will re-open its Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Marshfield on Tuesday, April 15, to provide personal assistance to victims of the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred January 7 through January 10, 2008. "SBA's 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 weather," Cook said.

"SBA Customer Service Representatives will again be available to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application," he continued. "We are re-opening the center to give individuals and business owners one last opportunity before the filing deadline to meet with our representatives in person to discuss their individual circumstances. You don't need an appointment to visit the center," added Cook.

SBA's disaster center will re-open Tuesday, April 15 and will be open at the following location on the days and times indicated:

### **Webster County**

Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
Webster County 911 Communications Center  
565 South Prairie Lane  
Marshfield, MO

Mondays through Fridays from 9 am – 6 pm  
Beginning Tuesday, April 15 through Friday, May 2

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 \$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 homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that 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 help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Disaster victims are encouraged to return their completed loan applications to SBA at the center before it closes. Individuals and businesses unable to visit the center may obtain SBA information and loan applications by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955**. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339. Disaster assistance information is also available on SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **May 2, 2008**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **December 3, 2008**.

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

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