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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Small Businesses Economically Impacted by Severe Winter Storms and Heavy Snow

Sacramento, CA – Karen G. Mills, Administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), announced that SBA is making low-interest working capital loans available to small businesses economically impacted by the severe winter storms and heavy snow that occurred January 17 through February 6 in Siskiyou County. Administrator Mills acted in response to an April 1 request from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The disaster declaration makes SBA disaster assistance available in Siskiyou County, the neighboring California counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta and Trinity and the neighboring Oregon counties of Jackson, Josephine and Klamath.

“The U. S. Small Business Administration is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist California’s small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of this disaster,” said Administrator Mills.

Small, non-farm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private, non-profit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

“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. Disaster loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing,” said Jim O’Neal, SBA’s Sacramento District Director.

Eligibility 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.

“Beginning Wednesday, April 7, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, SBA customer service representatives will be on hand at the following SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each business owner complete their application,” O’Neal continued. The center will be open on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.

Mt. Shasta

411 C Ski Village Drive
(next to Pelletier Construction)

***Open Wednesday, April 7, through Friday, April 9
and
Monday, April 12 through Thursday April 15***

***1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
(--more--)***

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA toll-free at (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. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The filing deadline to return economic injury applications is **January 6, 2011**.

For more information, visit SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov.

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