



DISASTER NEWS

Physical and Economic Injury Loans for Businesses

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SBA Disaster Assistance Still Available; Centers Closing Soon

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announces today the consolidation of Business Recovery Centers and Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Wisconsin based on the level of activities. The Centers located in Sauk and Jefferson counties will close on September 19th at the close of business. The Centers located in Fond du Lac and Milwaukee counties will remain open until September 26th to provide services to victims of the June 5 – July 25, 2008 severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

“We have approved over \$5 Million in Disaster Loans to assist Wisconsin businesses in their recovery from the June floods. It now makes sense to combine these two Business Recovery Centers with the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers. These two centers will continue to be staffed with experienced SBA business personnel,” said Eric Ness, SBA District Director for Wisconsin.

Over \$37 million have been approved in disaster loans for homeowners and businesses in Wisconsin affected by this disaster. The SBA urges homeowners, renters, businesses and non-profit organizations that are disaster victims to visit the Centers before they close to obtain one-on-one assistance.

The Centers are in the following locations:

<p><u>Sauk County</u> St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church 307 6th Street Reedsburg, WI 53959 Hours: Mon – Fri: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closing: Friday, Sept. 19th at the close of business</p>	<p><u>Jefferson County</u> UW Extension 864 Collins Rd. Jefferson, WI 53549 Hours: Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closing: Friday, Sept. 19th at the close of business</p>
<p><u>Fond du Lac County</u> UW Fond du Lac 400 University Ave. Fond du Lac, WI 54935 Hours: Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closing: Friday, Sept. 26th at the close of business</p>	<p><u>Milwaukee County</u> Milwaukee County Rehab Center City Campus 2711 Wells St. Milwaukee, WI 53208 Hours: Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closing: Friday, Sept. 26th at the close of business</p>

Anyone unable to visit one of the Centers who has registered with FEMA may obtain an application by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired) Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CDT or by emailing our customer service center at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Completed applications should be returned to one of the Centers or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX. 76155.

Victims may also apply for disaster loans from SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The deadline for returning **economic injury** applications is **March 13, 2009**. The deadline to return **physical loan** applications *expired* **September 15, 2008**.

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For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.