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SBA'S SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT OFFICE LAUNCHES ITS FIRST-EVER SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC HOTLINE

SIoux FALLS – The U.S. Small Business Administration's South Dakota District Office has launched its first-ever *Small Business Economic Hotline* in response to concerns raised by the state's small business community during these uncertain economic times. The purpose of this hotline is to give small business owners a single phone number they can call with small business related questions. The phone number is 605-330-4243, ext 10.

“Small businesses across South Dakota have questions given today's economic situation,” said John L. Brown II, District Director of South Dakota's SBA office. “Business confidence has declined, and we feel it's important that SBA provide an outlet for our small business community to get the answers they need on questions relating to surviving in this environment. Our business experts from the Small Business Development Center, SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business), and Equip's Business Support Center can advise them on ways to enhance their marketing, re-evaluate their business plans, and look for new sources of financing. These services are free of charge and are available across the state.”

The SBA's hotline is specifically designated for small businesses and not for individuals who may have questions regarding their personal finances or mortgages.

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