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SBA DISTRICT OFFICE LAUNCHES SMALL BUSINESS HOTLINE

WYOMING – The U.S. Small Business Administration's Wyoming District Office launched a *Small Business Economic Hotline* in response to the concerns raised by the state's small business community during these uncertain economic times. This hotline is to give small business owners a single phone number to call with business related questions. Calls to this phone number will be returned promptly by SBA staff in Casper. The phone number is 307-261-6505.

"Small businesses across Wyoming have raised concerns about ways they can better survive in today's economic situation," states Steve Despain, SBA's Wyoming District Director. "I believe it is critical to provide access for our small business community to get the answers they need on questions relating to surviving in this environment. Business experts from the Small Business Development Centers and SCORE can advise them on ways to enhance their marketing plans, re-evaluate their business plans, and look for new sources of financing. Most of these services are free of charge and are available across the state."

SBA Small Business Hotline: 307-261-6505

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For more information about SBA's programs for small businesses, call (307) 261-6500 or TDY (307) 261-6527 or visit the SBA's extensive Web site at <u>www.sba.gov/wy</u>