



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Hamilton County to Close

Sacramento, CA – Joseph Folsom, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s Iowa District Office, announced today that SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Center in **Webster City** will close on **Thursday, August 7 at 5 pm**. “Until then, SBA is continuing to provide one-on-one, personal service to disaster victims of the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that began May 25,” he said.

“SBA customer service representatives continue to be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help each individual complete their application and close their approved disaster loans,” Folsom continued.

“Individuals and business owners who sustained losses from the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding can speak with SBA representatives at the Webster City Disaster Loan Outreach Center on the days and times indicated below. No appointment is necessary,” he added.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Hamilton County Mental Health Services Building
500 Fair Meadow Drive
Webster City, IA 50595

Monday through Thursday
8 am to 5 pm

Closes Thursday, August 7 at 5 pm

SBA offers low-interest Federal disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed by the disaster. So far, SBA has approved over \$168.6 million in disaster loans to Iowa residents and businesses hurt by the storms.

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 \$2 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 protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes, 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.

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To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at (800) 621-3362.

Individuals and business owners may obtain SBA disaster assistance information by calling SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may contact SBA at (800) 877-8339.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **September 29, 2008**. The EIDL application deadline is **February 27, 2009**.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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