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Your Small Business Resource

Every day, the U.S. Small Business Administration and its nationwide network of partners help millions of potential and current small business owners start, grow and succeed.

Resources and programs targeting small businesses provide an advantage necessary to help small businesses effectively compete in the marketplace and strengthen the overall U.S. economy.

SBA offers help in the following areas:

- Starting a Business
- Financing a Business
- Growing a Business
- Opportunities in Contracting
- Recovering From Disaster
- A Voice for Small Business in Government

Visit SBA online at www.sba.gov for 24/7 access to small business news, information and training for entrepreneurs.

All SBA programs and services are provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The Facts About the Stimulus Package for Small Business Owners

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contains a package of higher guarantees, the temporary elimination of loan fees, new SBA programs, secondary market incentives, and enhancements to current SBA programs that will help unlock credit markets and begin economic recovery for the nation's small business sector.

The bill provides \$730 million to SBA and makes changes to the agency's lending and investment programs so that they can reach more small businesses that need help.

What this means for Small Business Owners:

90 Percent Guarantee/Elimination of Loan Fees

\$375 million for the temporary elimination of fees on SBA loans and raising guaranty limits up to 90 percent on most types of 7(a) loans.

Refinancing Fixed Assets

Allows small business owners to utilize SBA's 504 Certified Development Company program to refinance existing loans for fixed assets, providing fresh capital for small business expansion. Also, temporarily eliminates 504 loan fees for both borrowers and lenders.

Surety Bonds

\$15 million for expanding SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee program. SBA guaranteed surety bonds have increased from \$2 million to \$5 million on bid, payment and performance bonds. Also, there is a new provision that allows SBA to guarantee a bond on a federal contract amounting to \$10 million following certification by the contracting officer that the bond guarantee is required.

Increase in Microloan Funding

\$30 million for expanding SBA's Microloan program, enough to finance up to \$50 million in new lending and \$24 million in technical assistance grants to microlenders. Under the program, small business owners are allowed to borrow up to \$35,000 through SBA's approved microloan intermediaries.

America's Recovery Capital Loans

America's Recovery Capital, or "ARC" Stabilization Loans. Once in place, this temporary program funded to \$255 million, will offer deferred-payment loans 100 percent guaranteed by SBA for up to \$35,000 to viable small businesses that need help making up to six months worth of payments on existing, qualifying, non-SBA backed loans.

Where to Get Assistance

For additional information about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, please call us at (973) 645-2434 or visit the following Web sites at www.sba.gov/recovery or www.recovery.gov.