



U.S. Small Business Administration

DISASTER NEWS

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Economic Injury Loan Deadline is August 2 *Business owners still have time to apply*

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming counties have until **August 2, 2004** to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to extreme heat, high wind, severe storms, prairie and forest fires, and below normal precipitation that occurred January 1, 2003, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

South Dakota:

All counties **except:**

Clay
Davison
Hanson

Lincoln
Marshall
McCook

Minnehaha
Turner
Union

Montana:

Carter

Fallon

Nebraska:

Boyd
Cherry

Dawes
Keya Paha

Knox
Sheridan

North Dakota:

Adams
Bowman

Emmons
McIntosh

Sioux

Wyoming:

Crook

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

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

SBA Disaster Assistance Area 3 – 14925 Kingsport Road – Ft. Worth, TX 76155