



DISASTER NEWS

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Economic Injury Loan Deadline is August 11 *Business owners still have time to apply*

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming counties have until **August 11, 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:

Brookings
Codington
Custer

Fall River
Faulk
Jerauld

Lake
Lyman
Moody

Pennington

Nebraska:

Sioux

Wyoming:

Niobrara

Weston

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.