



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*  
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## **Request for Nominations the 2009 SBA Small Business Week Disaster Assistance Awards!**

Each year, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Assistance searches for candidates for the prestigious Phoenix Award. The Phoenix Award is designed to recognize volunteers, public officials and small business owners whose efforts and contributions have enabled their businesses or communities to successfully recover from a disaster. SBA showcases and recognizes the winning individuals and business owners for their inspiring stories during National Small Business Week in Washington, DC.

We need nominations for these awards. The candidates should fit one of the following categories and cover a declared disaster that occurred between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008:

- A business owner whose company recovered from a significant disaster-related physical loss using SBA disaster loan funds.
- A volunteer (private citizen) whose efforts greatly contributed to the recovery of a disaster affected community (not associated with an existing nonprofit organization).
- A public official whose efforts greatly contributed to the recovery of a disaster affected community.

Submissions should include a narrative explaining how this person went above and beyond to help their small business or community recover from a disaster. It should also include the name, address, contact information of the person submitting the nomination as well as the name, address and contact information for the candidate you being nominated. This is a national contest, so the more information we can obtain such as newspaper articles, letters from others, photographs, the better we are able to develop the nomination package.

Please send submissions for candidates located in states east of the Mississippi, including Minnesota, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to:

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The deadline for submissions is **December 17, 2008.**