



# DISASTER NEWS

*Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses*

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## **SBA to Open Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Spokane County**

**Sacramento, CA** – Nancy Porzio, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Seattle District office, announced today that SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) in Spokane to provide personal service to small businesses economically impacted by snowstorms in Washington that occurred from December 12, 2008 through January 5, 2009.

SBA will open the DLOC Monday, February 9 at 9 am. “SBA customer service representatives will be on hand to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each business owner complete their application,” Porzio said. The center will be open on the days and times indicated below. No appointment is necessary.

### **SPOKANE COUNTY**

Greater Spokane Incorporated  
(Located in the Spokane Regional Business Center  
at the intersection of Riverside Avenue and Post Street)  
801 Riverside Avenue, Suite 100  
Spokane, WA

Open Monday, Feb. 9 thru Wednesday, Feb. 11, and  
Tuesday, Feb. 17 thru Thursday, Feb. 19

9 am to 1 pm

The Spokane Disaster Loan Outreach Center represents the tenth center SBA will open following SBA’s disaster declaration for the winter snowstorms in Washington. SBA’s declaration covers all counties in Washington and neighboring counties in Idaho and Oregon and makes low-interest disaster loans available to help small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations meet financial needs caused by the snowstorms.

SBA is offering working capital loans of up to \$2 million at an interest rate of 4 percent with terms up to 30 years. “These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. These loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses affected by the snowstorms to help overcome the temporary financial impacts they are experiencing,” Porzio continued.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA’s Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The deadline to apply for these loans is **October 30, 2009**.

*For more information visit SBA’s Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).*

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