



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Relocates Ratliff City Disaster Loan Outreach Center

Sacramento, CA – Dorothy Overall, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Oklahoma District Office, announced today that SBA is moving its **Ratliff City** Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Carter County. “The center, which has been located at **Ratliff City Baptist Church, 234 Church Street**, will move to the **Ratliff City Volunteer Fire Department, 10646 State Highway 7**, on **Monday, August 3, 2009**,” said Overall. The new location will remain open through Tuesday, August 18.

“Individuals and business owners who sustained losses from the wildfires that occurred April 9 through April 12, 2009 can continue to speak with SBA representatives **Mondays through Fridays** from **9 am to 6 pm**. SBA representatives are available to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application. No appointment is necessary,” Overall continued.

“So far, SBA has approved over \$1.1 million for Oklahoma residents and businesses affected by this disaster,” said Overall. Individuals and business owners who sustained damages are encouraged to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling the tele-registration number at (800) 621-3362 or (800) 462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired, prior to the August 18, 2009 deadline. “Don’t miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help,” she added.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

SBA disaster loan information and assistance will continue to be available from SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or by visiting SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Disaster victims may also apply online using the SBA’s Electronic Loan Application via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The deadline to return applications for property damage is **August 18, 2009**. The EIDL application deadline is **March 17, 2010**.

*For more information, visit SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.
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