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## ***SBA Disaster Preparedness PSA Encourages Residents Nationwide to Be Prepared***

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Small Business Administration today released a disaster preparedness audio public service announcement (PSA) reminding residents throughout the nation of the importance of being prepared.

The 30-second spot encourages all homeowners, renters and small businesses owners to prepare a comprehensive disaster plan, identify all hazards in the home, locate escape routes and keep essential records offsite.

The audio PSA is available in a downloadable MP3 format on the SBA Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/news/index.html>. For copy of the script, contact Carol Chastang at (202) 205-6987.

SBA has a disaster loan program that offers long-term, low-interest, taxpayer-backed loans with up to 30-year repayment terms. Applicants may receive up to \$200,000 to repair disaster damaged primary residences. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to replace personal property such as furniture and clothing. Loans to businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations are available up to \$1.5 million to repair damage to real estate, machinery, equipment and inventory. Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) also are available to small businesses unable to pay bills or meet operating expenses.

For the latest news and information on SBA's Disaster Assistance program, visit the Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/index.html>.

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