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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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Over \$25 Million SBA Disaster Loans Approved in North Carolina; Agency Extends the Deadline for Physical Damage Applications

ATLANTA – The U. S. Small Business Administration has approved over **\$25** million in Disaster Assistance Loans for residents and business owners in North Carolina affected by Hurricane Irene. **The extended deadline to apply for physical damage is Nov. 30.**

“Currently, **727** home and business disaster loans have been approved in the amount of **\$25,959,900** for affected survivors,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta. “We are pleased to be able to get these loans approved so residents and businesses in the disaster area can start to rebuild and resume their normal lives. With the **Nov. 30** deadline, I encourage anyone who has not completed their disaster loan application to do so and return it as quickly as possible.” Those who need assistance in completing your application are urged to visit one of the Disaster Recovery Centers located throughout the impacted area.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 800-621-FEMA (3362), (TTY) 800-462-7585 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Additional details on the locations of Disaster Recovery Centers and the loan application process can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Those affected by the disaster may also apply for disaster loans electronically from SBA’s website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The deadline to return SBA applications for physical property damage is **November 30, 2011**. The deadline to return applications for economic injury is **May 31, 2012**.

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For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov.