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BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS REMINDED THAT DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR SBA PHYSICAL DAMAGE DISASTER LOANS IS MARCH 1, 2010

TALLAHASSEE – Florida emergency management officials are reminding residents affected by the December flooding in Broward County that the deadline to file an application for Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans is March 1, 2010. Those residents that sustained physical damage during the flooding event in the contiguous counties of Collier, Hendry, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach are also eligible to apply for disaster assistance.

The SBA offers loans 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, appliances and clothing. Loans to businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations are available up to \$2 million to repair damage to real estate, machinery, inventory and equipment. The deadline to return economic injury applications is September 29, 2010.

To obtain a loan application or program information, call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. EST or send an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX. 76155.

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