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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPENS IN DUBUQUE COUNTY

Deadline to register for assistance is Oct. 13

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa – State and federal officials have announced the opening of a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Dubuque County today, Monday, Sept. 13, at the Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Center at 14928 Public Safety Way in Dubuque.

Local officials are encouraging Dubuque county residents impacted by this summer's storms and flooding to register for assistance. The deadline to do so is Oct. 13, 2010.

The Dubuque County DRC's hours are as follows:

- Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be available at the DRC to answer questions and provide recovery information. At the DRC, visitors also may:

- Get help completing applications for federal low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations.
- Inquire about the status of applications for federal assistance.
- Obtain referrals to voluntary organizations that may help with immediate unmet needs.
- Learn cost-effective mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future disaster losses.

SBA offers disaster loans to repair or replace damaged real estate, personal property and business assets not covered by insurance or other aid. For small businesses only, SBA offers disaster loans to cover working capital needs caused by the disaster. Up to \$200,000 is available to homeowners to repair or replace primary homes; up to \$40,000 is available to homeowners and renters to repair or replace personal property; and, up to \$2 million is available to businesses for disaster losses. For SBA information, call (800) 659-2955 (TTY 1-800-977-8339), or go online to www.sba.gov.

Before visiting a DRC, people are encouraged to register for disaster assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), (TTY) 800-462-7585. The numbers are available seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., local time. Help in languages other than English is available. For up to the minute Iowa disaster recovery information, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/femaregion7.

You may also access disaster information and recovery resources directly from your smartphone at FEMA's new mobile website at <http://m.fema.gov/>.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-758.

The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term repair and rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private, nonprofit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call (800) 659-2955 (TTY 1-800-977-8339) or online at www.sba.gov.