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SBA's Deadline for Physical Disaster Loan Applications is Sept. 6 for Derecho Windstorm

ATLANTA – The <u>U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)</u> reminds businesses, non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters in **Indiana** of the deadline to submit disaster loan applications for damage caused by the derecho windstorm June 13-14. The deadline to file an application for physical damage is **Sept. 6.**

Low-interest disaster loans are available in the primary county of Allen and in the contiguous counties of Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, Wells and Whitley in **Indiana**; and in Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert in **Ohio**.

Businesses and nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disasterdamaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and private nonprofit organizations, the 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 physical property damage.

Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates are as low as **2.935** percent for businesses, **1.875** percent for nonprofit organizations, and **1.688** percent for homeowners and renters, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA sets the loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may now include a safe room or storm shelter to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <u>https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/</u> and should apply under SBA declaration # 17505.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services) or by sending an email to <u>DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov</u>. Loan applications can be downloaded from <u>www.sba.gov/disaster</u>. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to submit applications for physical property damage is **<u>Sept. 6, 2022</u>**. The deadline for economic injury applications is **<u>April 5, 2023</u>**.

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