



**Business Recovery Status Report #19
Presidential Disaster #1763
November 14, 2008**

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Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) (www.ciras.iastate.edu)

- CIRAS teams continue to offer solutions to assist manufacturers (total=18 companies) in exceeding pre-disaster production levels. Examples of assistance include facility layout, materials testing, energy efficiency and education on conducting business with federal, state and local agencies along with identifying current and future procurement opportunities for Iowa businesses.
- CIRAS is exploring opportunities/needs for hosting workshops to address common industry recovery challenges and beginning to collect lessons learned on preparation, disaster response, and recovery in industry. In addition, CIRAS is working with other Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) centers and their partners across the US in identifying best practices for disaster recovery.
- CIRAS has volunteered to act as a resource for the Iowa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce case management activities for manufacturing companies.

Rebuild Iowa Office (www.rio.iowa.gov)

- Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission met November 12 via conference call to review and finalize the 120-Day Report which is due to Governor Culver on November 17.

Jumpstart Small Business Update*						
Current as of COB 11/14/2008						
Total # of applicants	Total amount requested	Total # applicants approved	Total amount obligated	Total amount disbursed	Ave. Award	Applications Ineligible
659	\$91.2 million	419	\$15 million	\$4.4 million	\$35,000	87
*Numbers are based on initial reporting figures. Numbers are expected to increase as more Iowans complete their Jumpstart Iowa applications.						

- Iowa Disaster Recovery Conference: Learning from the Past/Planning for the Future – December 9-10 at the Marriot Hotel & Conference Center in Coralville. Optional Community Design workshop on December 11 should be of interest to architects, engineers, contractors, small businesses, industries, city, county and community leaders, consultants and the general public. Registration is \$100 for the conference and an additional \$50 for the design workshop. Professional Development Hours can be earned. Registration and sponsorship opportunities available at www.iowalifechanging.com/register.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) (www.sba.gov/floods/)

- *SBA Application for Property Damage Deadline – **October 31, 2008***
- *SBA Application for Economic Injury Deadline – **February 27, 2009***
- Continues to sponsor a Business Recovery Center (BRC) at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids, where SBA has assisted over **3,500** visitors at the center.

Iowa SBA Loan Approval Totals Statewide Current as of COB 11/14/2008		
	Applications Approved	Funding Approved
Home	3,090	\$156,808,900
Business/EIDL	638	\$91,103,800
Total	3,728	\$247,912,700

Donations and Volunteer Management

Iowa Aidmatrix Portal

To donate cash or products go to <http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/fema/states.aspx?ST=Iowa>.

Embrace Iowa 2008 Disaster Fund

The 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund will NOT take the place of contributions to local agencies such as community foundations, United Ways or Red Cross Chapters; rather, the Fund will encourage local contributions and also provide a fund for those wishing to make statewide contributions.

To donate go to www.desmoinesfoundation.org/page10002684.cfm.

Cedar Rapids Job & Small Business Recovery Fund

The Cedar Rapids Job & Small Business Recovery Fund provides financial assistance to a for-profit business (person or entity that sells good or services) or the owner of commercial property in Cedar Rapids that has sustained losses as a result of the flood.

To donate go to www.gcrfc.org. Select "Job & Small Business Recovery Fund" from the selection of flood funds.

To apply go to www.corridorrecovery.org/BusinessRecovery/BizRecoveryFundApplication.asp.

Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

If you are interested in volunteering, register at

<https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/icovs/volunteer/register/?id=>