



Business Recovery Status Report #20
Presidential Disaster #1763
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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 staff lead a short course to assist companies in more effectively communicating the benefits of their ideas, services, products or business models to their customers.
- 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)

- **120-day Report**
 - Governor Chet Culver and Lt. Governor Patty Judge were presented with the 120-day report of the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission, which provides long-term vision for both the recovery and rebuilding of Iowa communities.
 - The Commission's report outlined 12 recommendations for Iowa's long-term recovery, including:
 - Provide individual services and guidance
 - Make housing a priority
 - Provide incentives for Iowa's struggling small businesses, micro-enterprises, and nonprofits
 - Invest in infrastructure
 - Create sustainable funding options for local and state rebuilding efforts
 - Invest in local emergency management agencies for the central coordination function and work in all areas of emergency management
 - Enact policies to make communities sustainable and protect Iowa's quality of life and cultural heritage
 - Lead and support integrated, regional recovery planning
 - Enact policy to address floodplain and watershed management
 - Complete floodplain mapping for the entire state
 - Formalize the Rebuild Iowa Office and recovery responsibilities
 - Lead communications efforts to educate Iowans on recovery efforts and planning for future potential disasters
 - Complete copy of the report is available for download at www.governor.iowa.gov or www.rio.iowa.gov/assets/RIO_120_DAY_REPROT.pdf.

- **Counseling**

- Governor Chet Culver announced that Iowa is receiving more than \$4 million in federal funds to extend the availability of counseling and mental health services for disaster victims through September 2009.
- The immediate mental health service program provides crisis counseling outreach services, including one-on-one counseling. In addition, education, assessment and referral are provided if needed.
- To reach a counselor anywhere in the state, call the Iowa Concern hotline at 1-800-447-1985.

Jumpstart Small Business Update Current as of COB 11/20/2008						
Total # of applicants	Total amount requested	Total # applicants approved	Total amount obligated	Total amount disbursed	Ave. Award	Applications Ineligible
740	\$92 million	446	\$15.7 million	\$5.1 million	\$35,201	96

- 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 11/21/2008		
	Applications Approved	Funding Approved
Home	3,109	\$157,249,500
Business/EIDL	651	\$92,332,800
Total	3,760	\$249,582,300

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.

Donations as of COB 11/14/2008	
Funds Pledged	Funds Distributed
\$7,058,055	\$3,010,000

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.gcrf.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=>