



**Business Recovery Status Report #5
Presidential Disaster #1763
August 8, 2008**

www.flood2008.iowa.gov

Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce

- **Events – To register call the Chamber at 319-398-5317**
 - August 12, 9-10:30 AM SAXTON Inc. Pre Project Estimator – Saxton is offering this service and report at **no cost** to flood impacted businesses.
 - Owners, developers, contractors and design teams face the challenge of rebuilding flood impacted facilities efficiently and effectively during unprecedented times. How do owners stay focused on their business and their clients while also dealing with unplanned facility disruptions? Where do you start? By answering a few basic questions about office build out, work areas, employee count and level of building interior finish, Saxton Inc. will assist you in forecasting space requirements and create programming reports.
 - August 27, 9-11:00 AM Employment Strategies for those laid off or unemployed. Management Resource Group and Iowa Workforce Development will offer tools and assistance for your job search.
- **“Adopt a Business” Program**
 - 51 businesses adopted and 18 on the waitlist.
 - To adopt a business contact Kelly Slaughter at kslaughter@cedarrapids.org.

FEMA – Mitigation

- **Iowa State Fair Assistance**
 - FEMA Hazard Mitigation and Community Relations will be available at the Iowa State Fair to assist citizens who sustained damage during the recent floods.
 - Beginning Thursday, August 7, the teams will be located at the Halls of Law and Flame exhibit near the Grandstand area close to gate 11.
 - The teams will be available daily, August 7 – 17, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Other assistance**
 - Teams can be found at the following locations from August 6 to August 11, Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Bettendorf Home Depot at 920 Middle Road
 - Cedar Rapids Home Depot at 4501 First Ave. S.E.
 - Iowa City Menards at 1371 Hwy. One West
 - Waterloo Home Depot at 1050 S. Town Drive
 - Waterloo Menards at 1051 E. San Marnan Drive

Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

- **Technical and Financial Resources List** at www.iowahistory.org/grants/flood_2008
 - Information on preservation of flood-damaged older and historic buildings
 - Contacts for dealing with damage to cemeteries, museum collections, photographs, manuscripts and other paper records
 - Numerous other links and lists
- **Emergency REAP/HRDP Grants**

- Historic Resource Development Program grants up to \$15,000
- Funds available immediately for museums and documentary collections. For a simplified application form, contact Kristen Vander Molen at Kristen.VanderMolen@iowa.gov or 515-281-4228
- Applications for historic properties currently being accepted on a waiting list, pending availability of additional funds. For properties determined by the State Historic Preservation Office as eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Application can be accessed at http://www.iowahistory.org/grants/flood_2008/assets/emergency_hrdp_info.pdf or call Kristen Vander Molen at 515-281-4228
- **Emergency Arts Relief Grants from the Iowa Arts Council**
 - Up to \$500 in immediate assistance for artists and arts organizations
 - Grants/stipends of \$3,000 - \$6,000 to assist Iowa artists and arts organizations that incur new costs as a direct result of damages or displacement from 2008 weather disasters. (Available beginning Friday, August 8)
 - Information at www.iowaartscouncil.org or call Linda Lee at 515-242-6194

Iowa Department of Economic Development

- **Iowa Downtown Summit - Disaster Recovery Forum**
 - Wednesday, August 27 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Charles Theatre, 409 North Main St., Charles City
 - Registration will be made available soon at www.iowalifechanging.com/, or you can contact Debi Flanders at 515.242.2734 to learn more.
 - An opportunity for community representatives to hear about the most current disaster relief efforts underway.
 - A panel of representatives from Rebuild Iowa and the offices of Senator Grassley and Senator Harkin (invited) will provide updates regarding the current status, present strategies and recovery plans.
 - Panel members include:
 - Sherry Kuntz, Special Assistant, Senator Grassley's Office, Washington, D.C.
 - William Gerhard, Co-Chair of Economic and Workforce Development Task Force Committee, Rebuild Iowa
 - Jim Davis, Co-chair of Housing Task Force Committee, Rebuild Iowa
 - The forum will conclude with a facilitated question and answer session with panel members.

Iowa Finance Authority

- **The Roosevelt, Cedar Rapids**
 - Approved a grant of up to \$5 million to refurbish The Roosevelt, a multi-family housing property located at 200 1st Avenue, N.E. in Cedar Rapids.
 - Officials expect The Roosevelt to reopen sometime in late summer 2009 after substantial renovations including:
 - Replacement of electrical service components and systems in the basement
 - Replacement of mechanical systems in the basement
 - Elevator repairs
 - Complete demolition of first floor walls and ceilings
 - Complete demolition of the basement
 - Reconstruction of first floor common areas and electrical space.
 - Upon reopening, The Roosevelt will consist of 97 units, including four efficiencies, 50 one-bedroom units and 34 two-bedroom units. Eighty-three of the units will be available for individuals or families who earn 60 percent of the area median income or less.
 - Commercial tenants will occupy the building's first floor.

Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS)

- CIRAS teams have met with six manufacturers and are addressing challenges and offering solutions to assist in achieving pre-disaster production levels. Examples of assistance include facility layout, materials testing and learning how to conduct business with federal, state and local agencies along with identifying current and future procurement opportunities for Iowa businesses.
- CIRAS is contacting industry in Southwest Iowa to determine the impact of recent flood.
- Website: www.ciras.iastate.edu

Iowa Workforce Development

- Spent significant portion of the 2nd release of the Disaster Unemployment Assistance funds and is seeking additional release.
- Requested an extension of the Disaster Unemployment Assistance filing deadline until September 15, 2008.

Iowa Workforce Development Statistics as of 8/6/08		
# unemployment insurance claims related to the disaster	9,695	
Emergency Public Jobs Program		
# Eligible Counties	Worksites identified	Eligible positions identified
82	181	945
New Construction Contractors Registered		
May	June	July
209	409	455

Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC)

- **Meeting**
 - The third RIAC meeting was held Tuesday, August 5, 2008 in Wapello.
 - Governor Culver and Lt. Governor Judge welcomed Anne Petera, Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Programs with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
 - Assistant Secretary Petera joined state officials and local leaders from Louisa County, Columbus Junction, Wapello and Oakville for a bus tour of Louisa County and the RIAC meeting.
 - The commissioners heard three task force updates: Cultural Heritage and Records Retention, Agriculture and Environment, and Infrastructure and Transportation.
 - The fourth and final RIAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2008, in Cedar Falls at the Holiday Inn – University Plaza at 5826 University Avenue.
- **“Speak Up Iowa!”**
 - Upcoming sessions:
 - Monday, August 11 in Red Oak from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Red Coach Inn at 1200 Senate Avenue.
 - Tuesday, August 12 in Fort Dodge from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Career Education Building, 300 Ave. M, on Iowa Central Community College’s campus.

Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO)

- **Declarations**
 - August 7, 2008 Governor Chet Culver announced that four additional Iowa counties – Appanoose, Clark, Monroe, and Ringgold - were granted a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance and Clark and Wayne counties were granted Public Assistance.
 - 82 counties have been approved for Public Assistance.
 - 67 counties have been approved for Individual Assistance.
- **Iowa State Fair**

- RIO will have representatives at the Iowa State Fair to answer questions and hear Iowans' concerns and ideas as the state moves forward with flood recovery.
- RIO representatives will greet Iowans alongside members of the Governor's Office staff at the Governor's Office booth, located in the center of the Varied Industries Building on the main concourse.
- **Submit your ideas to RIO**
 - Ideas can be submitted at www.rio.iowa.gov or by calling the office at 515.242.5004.
- **Cedar Rapids Debris Removal Assistance**
 - Governor Culver and FEMA announced that the Cedar Rapids will receive more than \$1.1 million for removal of debris.
 - Removal of "catastrophic amounts of debris" from Cedar Rapids began on June 20 and the first pass was completed on July 3. During that time 16,330 tons of ruined household goods and furnishings, damaged construction materials, vegetative debris, business, industrial, and hazardous waste, household chemicals, appliances, and the like were collected and hauled to final disposal areas.
- **Finding copies of your lost records**
 - Iowa birth certificates, death certificates and marriage licenses
 - Can be obtained in person from the Iowa county where issues or from the Iowa Department of Public Health in person, by phone or ordered online.
 - Phone: 515-281-4944, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:45 pm., except for state holidays.
 - Web: www.idph.state.ia.us follow link to Vital Records
 - Driver's licenses and state-issued identification cards
 - Replaced at no cost by visiting your nearest driver's license station.
 - Phone: 800-532-1121, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except state holidays.
 - Web: www.dot.state.ia.us/mvd/ods/dlsites.htm
 - Duplicate motor vehicle and trailer titles and registrations issued in Iowa
 - Obtained at no cost by visiting your local county treasurer's office.
 - Social Security Card
 - Phone: 800-722-1213
 - Web: www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.pdf
 - Federal tax records and filings for the last three years
 - Phone: 800-829-1040
 - State income tax records
 - Phone: 800-367-3388 or 515-281-3114
 - Web: www.state.ia.us/tax
 - Bank statements, loan applications, and other financial records
 - Contact your local financial institution (banks, credit unions, or savings and loans)
 - Credit card records
 - Can be replaced by calling the customer service number on the back of your card or through the issuing company's Web site.
 - Insurance policies, recent billing statements, cash-value statements and other applicable information
 - Call your insurance agent.

Safeguard Iowa Partnership

- In coordination with the Rebuild Iowa Office, Safeguard Iowa Partnership sent a survey to all Safeguard Iowa Partners and Associations requesting information on estimated damage (physical and economic loss) for the Rebuild Iowa Workforce and Economic Development task force report.
- Businesses are encouraged to respond to the short survey which can be found at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2285ANSY3CQ>.

- Responses to the questions will remain anonymous.
- The results will be aggregated and provided to the Rebuild Iowa Office no later than August 15.

UNI Regional Business Center

- MyEntreNet will host a webinar on Thursday, August 14, noon with Kim Holmes of Sanders 1907 Restaurant in downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota. Mr. Holmes will share with us how he was able to recover and grow his business after the Great Grand Forks Flood of 1997. For more information on Sanders 1907 Restaurant, visit www.sanders1907.com.
- To participate in a MyEntreNet Webinar, go to the MyEntreNet Website at www.myentre.net and log in.
 - If you haven't already registered, you will need to fill out a brief registration form to access MyEntreNet.
- Simply click "Webinar" located on the compass at the left side of your home page.
- Once at the webinar login page, enter your name and click 'login'.

U.S. Small Business Administration

- Staffing 3 fixed Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).
- Operating 6 Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) throughout the state.
 - SBA Customer Services Representatives are available at each location to meet with homeowners, renters, and non-farm businesses of all sizes to provide program information, help applicants complete paperwork and forms, and to close approved SBA disaster loans.
- Staff at the Joint Field Office (JFO) to coordinate all needs with federal, state, and local partners. SBA has Communication Specialists in the Joint Information Center (JIC) and in the field to handle all SBA media and congressional inquiries.
- Continues to sponsor a Business Recovery Center (BRC) at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids, where SBA has assisted over **1,800** visitors at the center.
 - Available to answer specific questions about how a disaster loan may help each business and to help owners' complete business loan applications.
 - Sponsors the availability of multiple additional services at the BRC and there is no charge for any of the services.
 - Business owners may obtain assistance in applying for low-interest U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans, and gain access to government contracts and procurement through U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Government Contracting.
 - Iowa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" are providing assistance with reconstruction of lost financial records, development of business plans and cash flow projections, how to obtain lost tax returns and submit casualty loss claims on tax returns, adjusting to market changes as a result of the flooding, tornadoes and severe storms, and other post-disaster counseling services. These services are free.
 - The DRCs and the DLOCs have contact information on how businesses may obtain these same counseling services from their local SCORE chapter, regional SBDC office and the Iowa Women's Enterprise Center for businesses that may not be located near the Cedar Rapids BRC.

Iowa SBA Loan Approval Totals Statewide		
Current as of 8/07/2008		
	Applications Approved	Funding Approved
Home	2,461	\$130,603,300
Business/EIDL	387	\$45,534,500
Total	2,848	\$176,137,800

Donations and Volunteer Management

Iowa Aidmatrix Portal

To donate cash go to www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/CashDonations/Default2.aspx?ST=iowa. The organizations listed are members of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters and other nonprofit organizations assisting in the recovery efforts in Iowa.

To view the identified needs and donate products go to www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/FEMA/PublicPortal/ListOfNeeds.as=px?PortalID=113. To fill a need, select **donate** and complete the required information.

Donations as of 8/8/2008			
Accepted Donations	Declined Donations	Pending Donations	Total Donations
27	2	24	53

Needs Posted as of 8/8/2008	
Fulfilled Needs	Total Needs
9	472

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 8/08/2008	
Funds Pledged	Funds Distributed
\$5.5 Million	\$1,115,000

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.

Status as of COB 8/07/2008		
Funds Pledged	Funds Distributed	# of Businesses
\$2,610,290	\$730,950	36

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

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

Alliant Energy Foundation – Rebuilding Our Communities Grant Program

Rebuilding Our Communities Grant Program will provide funds to non-profits in Alliant Energy communities that were directly affected by the recent flooding. The Foundation has allocated up to \$1 million for the program and groups can apply for up to \$20,000 in unrestricted funds to use for flood-related expenses. The Foundation will accept applications until October 1, 2008. Organizations may obtain an application and more information regarding Alliant Energy Foundation Rebuilding Our Communities Grant online at www.alliantenergy.com/foundation or by calling (608) 458-4483.

Race2Recovery – Iowa Speedway Foundation

Race2Recovery is a non-profit tax-exempt foundation that is raising money for flood, tornado and other disaster victims in Iowa. All funds will be disbursed to local organizations that are at disaster sites providing direct relief. This includes churches, American Legion chapters, local food banks and fire departments among others. To donate or apply for assistance go to www.race2recovery.com.

Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

If you are interested in volunteering, register at <https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/icovs/volunteer/register/?id=>