



Business Recovery Status Report #13
Presidential Disaster #1763
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Inter-Agency Coordination Team (IACT) meeting update

- Jump Start Housing and Small Business Assistance Program Initiatives and the IACT connectivity to the local communities were highlights of this meeting.
- How the *Jump Start Housing Assistance Program* impacts buyout decisions, connectivity within each IACT agency that can provide additional support *Jump Start* initiatives and how that information can be utilized in the field and Rebuild Iowa Office was among issues discussed.
- \$40 million of the \$85 million allotted in Federal supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money is being used to fund the programs.
- In order to engage greater participation and encourage a more collaborative effort, a calendar template was provided to participants to their review and suggestions for future discussion topics that will benefit from IACT input were requested.
- Two (2) additional Rebuild Iowa Office staff members have been added to assist heavily impacted communities identified and utilize resources, build relationships and aid in community recovery.
- Gaps in insurance coverage and other funding were identified and presented to the group to identify assistance.
- Next IACT meeting will be held on October 7, 2008 at the Wallace Office Building.

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, 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.

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

- **Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC)**
 - Commission met on October 1, 2008.
 - Housing and business needs continue to be a major consideration of the RIAC as it moves toward developing long-range disaster recovery recommendations.
 - This meeting was the first of several meetings planned that will aid the Commission in drafting its 120-day report.
 - The second report due to the Governor no later than November 17, 2008, is to encompass the Commission's comprehensive long-term vision for rebuilding a safer, stronger and better Iowa.
 - In the next three weeks, the nine Rebuild Iowa Recovery Task Forces will hold meetings to help gather necessary information for the Commission.
 - After the task forces have submitted their reports to the RIAC, commissioners will review the information and come to a consensus on long-term recommendations for the state's recovery.

- **Task Force Meetings Schedule**

Task Force	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
Infrastructure & Transportation	October 7	9:30-3:30 pm	IA Dept. for the Blind – Assembly Room at 524 4 th St. Des Moines
Economic & Workforce Development	October 8	9:30-3:30 pm	IA Dept. for the Blind – Assembly Room at 524 4th St. Des Moines
Agriculture & Environment	October 9	9:30-3:30 pm	IA Dept. for the Blind – Assembly Room at 524 4 th St. Des Moines
Public Health & Health Care	October 13	9:30-3:30 pm	WDM Learning Resource Center at 3550 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines
Housing	October 14	9:30-3:30 pm	IA Dept. for the Blind – Assembly Room at 524 4 th St. Des Moines
Education	October 15	9:30-3:30 pm	IA Dept. for the Blind – Assembly Room at 524 4 th St. Des Moines
Cultural Heritage	October 20	9:00-1:00 pm	IA Dept. for the Blind – Assembly Room at 524 4 th St. Des Moines
Records Retention	October 20	1:30-5:30 pm	IA Dept. for the Blind – Assembly Room at 524 4 th St. Des Moines
Flood Plain Management & Hazard Mitigation	October 22	9:30-3:30 pm	Urbandale Public Library at 3520 86 th St., Urbandale
Long Term Recovery Planning	October 24	9:30-3:30 pm	IA Dept. for the Blind – Assembly Room at 524 4 th St. Des Moines

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*
- SBA Customer Service Representatives (CSR) staffing 1 fixed Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).
- Operating 1 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.
- Continues to sponsor a Business Recovery Center (BRC) at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids, where SBA has assisted over **3,100** 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.

Iowa SBA Loan Approval Totals Statewide Current as of COB 10/02/2008		
	Applications Approved	Funding Approved
Home	2,922	\$151,375,200
Business/EIDL	580	\$85,025,600
Total	3,502	\$236,400,800

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.

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.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=>