

From:

To:

Date: 10/26/2015 12:13:23 PM

Subject:



**NIKKI R. HALEY**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

October 28, 2015

For immediate release

Contact: Chaney Adams, 803-528-7217

ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov

**Gov. Haley, U.S. Small Business Association and State and Local Chambers**

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** - Governor Nikki Haley, the United States Small Business Administration, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce today held a press conference to inform South Carolina small businesses damaged by this month's flooding that they could be eligible for financial assistance from the SBA.

[ NH quote]

[SBA Quote]

The SBA offers the following disaster assistance loans:

- **Business Physical Disaster Loans** – Loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. Private, non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible.
- **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)** – Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.
- **Home Disaster Loans** – Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles.

For more information, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/disaster>. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

-###-