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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Deadline for Connecticut is March 8

ATLANTA - The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding disaster victims in Connecticut that **March 8** is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans. Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and private non-profit organizations of all sizes throughout Connecticut may apply for disaster loans due to the above normal temperatures and warm nights resulting in insufficient chill hours for maple sap production that occurred from February 15 through April 9, 2010.

Under this declaration, SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. These loans can be up to \$2 million with terms not exceeding 30 years. Interest rates are 4 percent for businesses and 3 percent for non-profit organizations. Agricultural producers, farmers and ranchers are not eligible to apply to SBA.

For more information on the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, to obtain application forms or to apply online visit www.sba.gov, send an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Completed loan applications should be returned to SBA no later than March 8, 2011.

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For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov.