



# Spokane Department of Emergency Management

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On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2008, Spokane County was included in the Governors Proclamation designating a State of Emergency. Due to the recent the massive snowfall in Eastern Washington and the mountain passes small businesses could be affected economically. The Small Business Association Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) provides low-interest loans to eligible small businesses that have suffered substantial economic injury, regardless of physical damage. It provides operating expenses until a business recovers. To get an SBA EIDL loan program for the county, five businesses need to record the estimated/real economic injury on the SBA Estimated Disaster Economic Injury Worksheet for Business. If your business has been affected, please return a completed [SBA ESTIMATED DISASTER ECONOMIC INJURY WORKSHEET FOR BUSINESS](#) to Department of Emergency Management, 1618 N Rebecca, Spokane WA 99217 Attn: Lisa Jameson no later than March 17, 2008. This document can be faxed to 509-477-5759.

To find out more information regarding the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans visit the State Emergency Management Web page at [http://www.emd.wa.gov/disaster/disaster\\_report\\_damages\\_sba\\_economic\\_injury.shtml](http://www.emd.wa.gov/disaster/disaster_report_damages_sba_economic_injury.shtml)

**PLEASE NOTE:** A single business destroyed in a fire or other disaster can affect the ability of many other businesses to pay their bills. For example, a building across the street from a hotel burns down, but the hotel is otherwise undamaged. However, the hotel loses business during the fire, cleanup, and rebuilding process, thus losing its ability to pay its bills – an economic injury. To get an SBA EIDL loan program for the county, five businesses need to record the estimated/real economic injury on the SBA Estimated Disaster Economic Injury Worksheet for Business (assuming they meet the criteria of not being able to get financial assistance on reasonable terms elsewhere) and send it to our office. Again, please note – the people filling out the forms showing the economic injury are not obligated to apply for a loan. Getting the five businesses to show an economic injury simply allows the Governor to make a request for an EIDL program that any business that was affected by this loss can apply for. If you are uncertain what to do, please call 509-477-3029 for assistance.

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