

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

[Docket No. 95-0522138-5138-01]

**Economic Development Assistance Program for Disaster Relief Activities, Southeast Floods of 1994, Availability of Funds**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce, (DoC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Economic Development Administration (EDA) announces the policies and the application procedures for funds available to support disaster relief programs designed to assist affected states and local communities to recover from the consequences of the Southeast Floods of 1994, and for other disasters.

EDA offers a variety of program tools to assist affected communities. The primary emphasis of EDA's program will be to assist flood-impacted areas with the development and implementation of strategies that are needed for long-term economic relief, including planning and technical assistance; the capitalization and recapitalization of Revolving Loan Funds; the construction of new and expanded infrastructure and development facilities required for economic development of the area; and other economic development programs designed to alleviate the economic distress of the areas.

**DATES:** This announcement is effective May 30, 1995. Funds shall remain available until expended.

**ADDRESSES:** To establish merits of project proposals, interested parties should contact the Atlanta Regional Office or the appropriate Economic Development Representative for the area (see listing in Appendix A).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** See listing in Appendix A of this Notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Buy American-Made Equipment or Products*—Applicants are hereby notified that they will be encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent as set forth in the resolution contained in Public Law 103-317, Sections 607 (a) and (b).

Refer to the Notice published on March 14, 1995, in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 13866) for information on EDA's general policies and other requirements.

**Authority:** Support for this program is authorized under the contingency fund provided to EDA under Title VII, Public Law 103-317 (Fiscal Year 1994 Supplemental Appropriations).

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)**

The Special Economic Development and Adjustment Assistance Program—Long-Term Economic Deterioration (LTED) and Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation (SSED) is listed under CFDA 11.307 (13 CFR Part 308). Planning and Technical Assistance are listed under CFDA 11.302, 11.305 and 11.303 (13 CFR Part 307, Subpart A; and 13 CFR Part 307, Subpart D).

**Funding Availability**

Funds in the amount of \$50 million are available for this disaster relief program and shall remain available until expended. The funds are available for awarding disaster assistance grants pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

**Grant Rates**

Grant rates, as established by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (PWEDA) and its implementing regulations at 13 CFR chapter III, may vary if permitted by PWEDA and its implementing regulations, and depending on the relative needs and financial capacity of applicants. In most cases, a nonfederal local share will be required. In rare and extenuating circumstances, EDA may waive the local share requirement where permitted by the PWEDA and its implementing regulations at 13 CFR chapter III. Local share requirements are discussed in the **Federal Register** of March 14, 1995, (60 FR 13866) announcing the policies and application procedures for EDA's FY 1995 programs.

**Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants include any of the states or political subdivisions thereof, including municipalities, and economic development districts, Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations representing an EDA designated redevelopment area or part thereof located in areas affected by the Southeast Floods of 1994, and other disasters. Eligible applicants are further identified in the **Federal Register** of March 14, 1995, (60 FR 13866).

**Proposal Submission Procedures**

Proposals for assistance authorized under Title VII, Chapter I, of Public Law 103-317 shall be submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office or Economic Development Representative for the

area, as noted in Appendix A. Applicants must clearly demonstrate how the EDA assistance will help the area recover from the economic hardship and other problems caused by the floods, or other disasters, and that such assistance has been preceded by sound planning. Interested parties should contact the appropriate office for a proposal package.

**Application Procedures**

A determination of whether to invite a grant application for EDA assistance will be issued based upon the outcome of the Agency's review of the applicant's preliminary application/proposal. Application procedures, competitive selection criteria and post approval project implementation information for the applicable assistance are described in the **Federal Register** of March 14, 1995, (60 FR 13866) announcing EDA's Notice of Availability of Funds for FY 1995.

**Funding Instrument:**

Funds will be awarded as grants in accordance with the requirements of Title III and Title IX of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (Public Law 89-136; 42 U.S.C. 3121 et seq.) (PWEDA). The appropriate title for grant application and award will be determined by EDA based on the nature of the project and the eligibility of the area.

Dated: May 15, 1995.

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**Appendix A**

For further information contact the Atlanta Regional Office or the appropriate Economic Development Representative (EDR) listed below: Atlanta Regional Office, 401 West Peachtree Street, N.W., Suite 1820, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3510, Telephone: (404) 730-3002.

EDRs	States covered
Wayne F. Burnette, Aronov Building, Room 134, 474 South Court Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, Telephone: (205) 223-7008.	Alabama.
Lola B. Smith, Federal Bldg., Room 423, 80 North Hughey Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801, Telephone: (407) 648-6572.	Florida.
William J. Day, Jr., 401 West Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30308-3510, Telephone: (404) 730-3000.	Georgia.