

suffer substantial economic injury as a result of the absence of the essential employee. The filing period for small businesses to apply for economic injury loan assistance under the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program begins on the date the essential employee is ordered to active duty and ends on the date 90 days after the essential employee is discharged or released from active duty.

This Declaration includes the States of: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

Applications for loans for military reservist economic injury loans may be obtained and filed at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, FT. Worth, TX 76155, 1-800-366-6303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses is 4 percent. The number assigned for economic injury is T30100.

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Dated: September 24, 2001.

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Declaration of Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan #T401

As a result of the Declaration of National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Attacks at the World Trade Center, New York, New York, and the Pentagon, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on the United States, President George W. Bush declares that the national emergency has existed since September 11, 2001. This notice establishes the application filing period for the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. Effective September 11, 2001, small businesses employing military reservists may apply for economic injury disaster loans if those employees are called up to active duty during a period of military conflict existing on or after September 11, 2001, those employees are essential to the success of the small business daily operations and the business has suffered or is likely to suffer substantial economic injury as a result of the absence of the essential employee. The filing period for small businesses to apply for economic injury loan assistance under the Military

Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program begins on the date the essential employee is ordered to active duty and ends on the date 90 days after the essential employee is discharged or released from active duty.

This Declaration includes the States of: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington; The Islands of American Samoa, Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Guam.

Applications for loans for military reservist economic injury loans may be obtained and filed at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P. O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795, 1-800-488-5323.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses is 4 percent. The number assigned for economic injury is T40100.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002.)

Dated: September 25, 2001.

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9M86]

#### State of Texas

Cameron County and the contiguous counties of Hidalgo and Willacy in the State of Texas constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of the catastrophic collapse of the Queen Isabella Causeway on September 15, 2001. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on June 16, 2002 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, FT. Worth, TX 76155.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent. The number assigned for economic injury for this disaster is 9M8600.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002.)

Dated: September 26, 2001.

**Hector V. Barreto,**

*Administrator.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 5.250 (5¼) percent for the October-December quarter of FY 2002.

**LeAnn M. Oliver,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD09-01-123]

### Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** "The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum" will hold a meeting to discuss various waterways management issues. Agenda items will include updates on Great Lakes dredging and No Ballast On Board (NOBOB) research; progress reports from Forum Subcommittees on Communications, Navigation Technologies, Outreach, Cruise Ships and Ballast Water; and discussions about the agenda for the next meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 9, 2001 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 2001 to be considered at the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the U.S. Coast Guard Club located on the U. S. Coast Guard Moorings, 1055 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, OH 44199. Any written comments and materials should be submitted to Commander (map), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CDR Michael Gardiner (map), Ninth Coast Guard District, OH 44199, telephone (216) 902-6049. Persons with disabilities requiring assistance to attend this meeting should contact CDR Gardiner.