

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9W68]****Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

Tioga, McKean, and Potter Counties and the contiguous counties of Bradford, Cameron, Clinton, Elk, Forest, Lycoming, and Warren in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chemung, and Steuben in the State of New York constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of severe storms and flooding that occurred throughout the counties from July 21 to July 28, 2003. 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 May 12, 2004 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd, South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 2.953 percent.

The numbers assigned for economic injury for this disaster are 9W6800 for Pennsylvania and 9W6900 for New York.

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

Dated: August 12, 2003.

Hector V. Barreto,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Disaster #3533]****State of Tennessee (Amendment #1)**

In accordance with the notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective August 6, 2003, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include Fayette County as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, high winds and heavy rain occurring on July 21 through July 22, 2003.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous counties of Haywood and Hardeman in the State of Tennessee; and Benton County in the State of Mississippi may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other counties contiguous to the above named primary counties have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is September 29, 2003, and for economic injury the deadline is April 29, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

Dated: August 7, 2003.

Cheri L. Cannon,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**Notification of Interest by Candidate Cities for Permanent Site of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) Secretariat**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for notification of interest by candidate cities before November 20, 2003.

SUMMARY: At the July 2003 Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC) meeting of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) in San Salvador, Vice Ministers agreed that cities seeking to be considered to host the permanent site of the FTAA Secretariat should notify the FTAA Co-Chairs of their interest before November 20, 2003. Notifications of interest by candidate cities do not need to follow a particular format and may include any information deemed pertinent by the applicant. U.S. cities interested in being considered to host the permanent site of the Secretariat are encouraged to submit notifications at the earliest opportunity.

DATES: Notifications of interest should be received by the FTAA Co-Chairs (Brazil and the United States) before November 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To the Co-Chairs Ambassador Peter F. Allgeier and Ambassador Adhemar G. Bahadian. Submission by electronic mail to both tnc-cnc@ustr.gov and cnc-tnc@mre.gov.br, submissions by facsimile to both (202) 395-9602 and 011-(5561) 411-6097. Copies also should be sent to the Co-Chairs Assistants: Ms. Karen Lezny by electronic mail to klezny@ustr.gov or by facsimile (202) 395-9602; and Mr. João Marcos Paes Leme by electronic mail to cnc-tnc@mre.gov.br or facsimile 011-(5561) 411-6097. Candidate cities are strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning response to **Federal Register** notices, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative at (202) 395-3475. Questions concerning the FTAA negotiations should be addressed to the agency's Office of the Americas at (202) 395-5190, or the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison at (202) 395-6120. the FTAA TNC Guidance and Instructions from the San Salvador July 2003 meeting are available on the USTR Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov/regions/whemisphere/ftaa.shtml> and the official FTAA Web site (<http://www.ftaa-alca.org>). This official FTAA Web site also contains general information regarding the FTAA process, including official documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**1. Background**

On December 11, 1994, the 34 democratically-elected leaders in the Western Hemisphere met in Miami, Florida for the first Summit of the Americas. The Heads of State and Government agreed to construct a Free Trade Area of the Americas, or FTAA, in which barriers to trade and investment will be progressively eliminated. They also agreed to complete negotiations towards this agreement by the year 2005. Since that time, the 34 countries have been involved in comprehensive negotiations. The FTAA is the cornerstone of President Bush's vision for trade in the Western Hemisphere—a plan that would foster economic growth and opportunity, promote regional integration and strengthen democracies. When established, the FTAA create the largest free trade area in the world with a \$13 trillion market and The FTAA countries have generally agreed that there will be a permanent Secretariat, but they have not yet defined either the functions of the Secretariat or its size.

2. Requirements for Submissions

Candidate cities interested in hosting the permanent site of the FTAA Secretariat should submit written notification to the addresses indicated above no later than November 20, 2003. In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice. Submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "Permanent FTAA Secretariat Site: Notification of Interest." Documents should be submitted as either