

Aroostook, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo.  
The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11254. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**  
*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*  
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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
**[Disaster Declaration #11252 and #11253]**

**North Carolina Disaster #NC-00012**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of North Carolina dated 05/20/2008.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Tornadoes.

*Incident Period:* 05/11/2008.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 05/20/2008.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 07/21/2008.

*Economic Injury (Eidl) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/20/2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

- Primary Counties:  
Bertie, Onslow.
- Contiguous Counties:  
North Carolina:

Carteret, Chowan, Duplin, Halifax, Hertford, Jones, Martin, Northampton, Pender, Washington.  
The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.375
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.687
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11252 C and for economic injury is 11253 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is North Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: May 20, 2008.

**Steven C. Preston,**  
*Administrator.*  
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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Small Business Size Standards: Public Meetings on a Comprehensive Review of Small Business Size Standards**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will hold two public meetings to inform the public about one of the Agency's top priorities—a comprehensive review of all of its small business size standards. Of fundamental importance in assisting the nation's small businesses is appropriately defining which business entities qualify as small businesses. SBA is responsible to the public for ensuring that size standards levels are sound and rational. Therefore, SBA is undertaking a 2-year across-the-board examination of its size standards. This notice discusses SBA's reasons for and its approach to the comprehensive review and provides information about registering to attend a public meeting.

**DATES:** The size standards meetings will be held on June 3, 2008, at 10 a.m. Eastern Time and 2 p.m. Eastern Time

in Washington, DC. Attendees must pre-register by May 30, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** 1. The size standards meeting address is U.S. Small Business Administration, Eisenhower Conference Room, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

2. Send pre-registration requests to attend to SBA's Office of Size Standards at [sizestandards@sba.gov](mailto:sizestandards@sba.gov) or call (202) 205-6618.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fay E. Ott, Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, at (202) 205-6459, [sizestandards@sba.gov](mailto:sizestandards@sba.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

To carry out its mission of assisting small businesses, SBA must identify which businesses are small and, therefore, eligible for Federal assistance programs intended for small businesses. Congress granted SBA broad discretion in establishing detailed small business definitions, or size standards (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)). The Small Business Act generally defines a small business as one that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field of operation, and meets a numerical size standard established by the SBA Administrator. SBA's size standards are promulgated in 13 CFR Part 121, "Small Business Size Regulations," and may be found at <http://www.sba.gov/size>.

Over the years, SBA has reviewed size standards on an ad hoc basis. That is, SBA has reviewed specific industries that it believed warranted modification either in response to requests from the public or a Federal agency or through its own independent analysis. In addition, SBA has periodically increased the monetary-based size standards to keep them in line with inflation between individual adjustments. The last increase for inflation was on December 6, 2005 (70 FR 72577).

SBA has undertaken a few broad reviews of size standards in the past. With the inception of the Agency in 1953, SBA examined the initial configuration of size standards and established the basic framework for today's size standards. The last comprehensive review of size standards was in the early 1980s. That review resulted in several important changes. The two most important of those were (1) replacing two sets of size standards, one for procurement programs and one for financial programs, with a single set for all programs and (2) formalizing the methodology for evaluating size standards. In 2004, SBA proposed to restructure and simplify size standards