

Texas: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.875
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.437
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.000
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.500
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11748 6 and for economic injury is 11749 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Texas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: May 15, 2009.

**Karen G. Mills,**  
Administrator.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11694 and #11695]

### North Dakota Disaster Number ND-00015

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

**ACTION:** Amendment 2.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of North Dakota (FEMA-1829-DR), dated 03/24/2009.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Flooding.  
*Incident Period:* 03/13/2009 and continuing.

*Effective Date:* 05/13/2009.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 05/26/2009.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 12/24/2009.

**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:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of North Dakota, dated 03/24/2009, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

*Primary Counties:* Rolette, Sheridan, The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian Reservation.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Executive Office of the President; Transparency and Open Government

**SUMMARY:** The President's January 21, 2009, memorandum entitled, *Transparency and Open Government*, directed the Chief Technology Officer, in coordination with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the General Services Administration (GSA), to develop a set of recommendations that will inform an Open Government Directive. This directive will be issued by OMB and will instruct executive departments and agencies on specific actions to implement the principles set forth in the President's memorandum. Members of the public are invited to participate in the process of developing recommendations via email or the White House Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/open> offering comments, ideas, and proposals about possible initiatives and about how to increase openness and transparency in government.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 19, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/open>.
- E-mail: [opengov@ostp.gov](mailto:opengov@ostp.gov).
- Mail: Office of Science and Technology Policy, Attn: Open Government Recommendations, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20502.

Comments submitted in response to this notice could be made available to the public online or by alternative means. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or

proprietary information. If you submit an e-mail comment, your e-mail address will be captured automatically and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of Science and Technology Policy, Attn: Open Government, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20502.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In his January 21, 2009, Presidential Memorandum to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, published in the **Federal Register** [74 FR 4685, January 26, 2009], the President outlined three principles for promoting a transparent and open government:

- Transparency promotes accountability and provides information to citizens about what their Government is doing;

- Participation enhances the Government's effectiveness and improves the quality of its decisions by tapping knowledge that is widely dispersed in society; and

- Collaboration harnesses innovative tools, methods, and systems to promote cooperation across all levels of Government and with the private sector.

The Presidential Memorandum requests recommendations to inform an OMB Directive that will instruct executive departments and agencies on specific actions to implement the three principles of transparency, participation, and collaboration.

The purpose of this **Federal Register** notice is to solicit public participation in the development of those recommendations. There is a great deal of dispersed information among the nation's citizens. With twenty-first century tools, the United States is in a unique position to take advantage of that dispersed information to inform the policymaking process. Our goal is to use the principles of open government to obtain fresh ideas about open government itself.

Comments on open government may relate to government-wide or agency-specific policy, project ideas, and relevant examples. Comments may address law, policy, technology, culture, and practice on issues such as:

- What government information should be more readily available on-line or more easily searched?

- How might the operations of government be made more transparent and accountable?

- How might federal advisory committees, rulemaking, or electronic