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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21270 and #21271; TENNESSEE Disaster Number TN–20026]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Tennessee

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Tennessee dated September 2, 2025.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

DATES: Issued on September 2, 2025.

Incident Period: August 13, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: November 3, 2025.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: June 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Henderson, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the Administrator’s disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1–800–659–2955 for further assistance.

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

Primary Counties: Hamilton.

Contiguous Counties:

Tennessee: Bledsoe, Bradley, Marion, Meigs, Rhea, Sequatchie.

Georgia: Catoosa, Dade, Walker, Whitfield.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	6.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 212706 and for economic injury is 212710.

The States which received an Agency declaration are Georgia, Tennessee.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 4, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Kevin Valdes, kevin.valdes@sba.gov, Office of Surety Guarantees, Small Business Administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Valdes, Management Analyst, Office of Surety Guarantees, kevin.valdes@sba.gov, (202) 816–0137 and Shauniece Carter, Interim Agency

Clearance Officer, shauniece.carter@sba.gov, (202) 935–6942.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under its Surety Bond Guarantee Program (SBG Program), the U.S. Small Business Administration is authorized to guarantee a bid bond, payment bond, performance bond, as well as any required related ancillary bonds, on a contract issued to a small business contractor up to \$9 million or up to \$14 million if a Federal contracting officer certifies that SBA’s guarantee is necessary. See Title IV of the Small Business Investment Act (SBIA), part B, 15 U.S.C. 694a *et seq.* The SBG Program was created to encourage surety companies to issue bonds for small business contractors. The SBIA authorizes SBA to establish the terms and conditions for providing surety bond guarantee assistance and for paying claims resulting from any contractor defaults.

This information collection consists of forms relating to the application process for an SBA-guaranteed bond and claims for the reimbursement of losses, including SBA Forms 990, 991, 994, 994B, 994F, 994H, a new Prior Approval surety participation agreement form, and a new Preferred Surety Bond (PSB) surety participation agreement form. Except in the case of SBA Form 994H and the surety participation agreement forms, SBA uses the information to evaluate whether the small business applicant meets the eligibility requirements for a surety bond, as well as the likelihood that the small business will successfully complete the bonded contract. The information collected for this purpose includes: Demographics on all owners of the bond applicant, which has no bearing on the approval decision; the status of any current or past SBA financial assistance provided to the applicant; NAICS code for applicant’s industry; financial statements; contract amount and nature of contract performance; and in the event performance has begun, evidence that applicant has paid all suppliers and subcontractors. With respect to SBA Form 994H, SBA uses the information collected to evaluate the surety’s claim for reimbursement of losses. Surety is required to provide information regarding the date the small business defaulted on the contract; the reason for the default, the amount of any recoveries, and any additional information that would support the surety’s claim for reimbursement. With respect to the new surety participation forms, SBA uses the information collected to document the