

three instruments for data collection and analysis of three distinct populations. These instruments are: (1) Small Business Survey, (2) Large Organization Survey and (3) Cluster Administrator Survey. In addition, SBA plans to interview each of the 11 cluster administrators several times a year regarding program impact and successes or challenges, and to obtain clarifications on information provided in quarterly reports. Each of the proposed surveys will be administered electronically and will contain both open- and close-ended questions. The information collected and analyzed from these instruments will contribute to monitoring performance metrics and program goals, as well as recommendations on improving program practices.

(a) *Solicitation of Public Comments:*

SBA is requesting comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected.

(b) *Summary of Information Collection:*

Small Business Survey

Description of Respondents: small businesses participating in the 11 clusters.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 410.

Estimated Annual Responses: 410.

Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 218.

Large Organization Survey

Description of Respondents: large organizations (e.g., universities, public sector agencies) participating in one of the 11 clusters.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 195.

Estimated Annual Responses: 195.

Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 71.

Cluster Administrator Survey

Description of Respondents: administration team of one of the 11 clusters.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11.

Estimated Annual Responses: 11.

Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 80.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #14336 and #14337]

Texas Disaster #TX-00448

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Texas (FEMA-4223-DR), dated 05/29/2015.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight Line Winds and Flooding.

Incident Period: 05/04/2015 and continuing.

Effective Date: 05/29/2015.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/28/2015.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 02/29/2016.

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 President's major disaster declaration on 05/29/2015, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications 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: Cooke, Gaines, Grimes, Harris, Hays, Navarro, Van Zandt

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14336B and for economic injury is 14337B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #14334 and #14335]

Texas Disaster #TX-00447

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-4223-DR), dated 05/29/2015.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight Line Winds and Flooding.

Incident Period: 05/04/2015 and continuing.

Effective Date: 05/29/2015.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/28/2015.

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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 President's major disaster declaration on 05/29/2015, 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 (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Harris, Hays, Van Zandt

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Texas: Blanco, Brazoria, Caldwell, Chambers, Comal, Fort Bend, Galveston, Guadalupe, Henderson, Hunt, Kaufman, Liberty, Montgomery, Rains, Smith, Travis, Waller, Wood

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	3.375

	Percent
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	1.688
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	6.000
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14334B and for economic injury is 143350.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

Notice of Funding Availability for the Small Business Transportation Resource Center Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability for the Central Region SBTRC.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) announces the opportunity for; (1) business centered community-based organizations; (2) transportation-related trade associations; (3) colleges and universities; (4) community colleges or; (5) chambers of commerce, registered with the Internal Revenue Service as 501 C(6) or 501 C(3) tax-exempt organizations, to compete for participation in OSDBU's Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC) program in the Central Region (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Mississippi).

OSDBU will enter into Cooperative Agreements with these organizations to provide outreach to the small business

community in their designated region and provide financial and technical assistance, business training programs, business assessment, management training, counseling, marketing and outreach, and the dissemination of information, to encourage and assist small businesses to become better prepared to compete for, obtain, and manage DOT funded transportation-related contracts and subcontracts at the federal, state and local levels.

Throughout this notice, the term "small business" will refer to: 8(a), small disadvantaged businesses (SDB), disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), women owned small businesses (WOSB), HubZone, service disabled veteran owned businesses (SDVOB), and veteran owned small businesses (VOSB). Throughout this notice, "transportation-related" is defined as the maintenance, rehabilitation, restructuring, improvement, or revitalization of any of the nation's modes of transportation.

Funding Opportunity Number:

USDOT-OST-OSDBU/SBTRCCENTRAL2015-1.

Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance (CFDA) Number: 20.910

Assistance to small and disadvantaged businesses.

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement Grant.

Award Ceiling: \$170,000.

Award Floor: \$155,000.

Program Authority: DOT is authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 332 (b)(4), (5) & (7) to design and carry out programs to assist small disadvantaged businesses in getting transportation-related contracts and subcontracts; develop support mechanisms, including management and technical services, that will enable small disadvantaged businesses to take advantage of those business opportunities; and to make arrangements to carry out the above purposes.

DATES: Complete Proposals must be electronically submitted to OSDBU via email on or before August 8, 2015, 6:00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). Proposals received after the deadline will be considered non-responsive and will not be reviewed. The applicant is advised to request delivery receipt notification for email submissions. DOT plans to give notice of award for the competed region on or before August 26, 2015, by 6:00pm (EST).

ADDRESSES: Applications must be electronically submitted to OSDBU via email at SBTRC@dot.gov and the OSDBU Regional Assistance Division Manager, Michelle Harris, at Michelle.Harris@dot.gov (copied).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this

notice, contact Mr. Adam Dorsey, Program Assistant, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-1930. Email: sbtrc@dot.gov

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I. Introduction

1.1 Background

The DOT established OSDBU in accordance with Public Law 95-507, an amendment to the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. The mission of OSDBU at DOT is to ensure that the small and disadvantaged business policies and goals of the Secretary of Transportation are developed and implemented in a fair, efficient and effective manner to serve small and disadvantaged businesses throughout the country. The OSDBU also administers the provisions of Title 49, Section 332, the Minority Resource Center (MRC) which includes the duties of advocacy, outreach and financial services on behalf of small and disadvantaged business and those certified under CFR 49 parts 23 and or 26 as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and the development of programs to encourage, stimulate, promote and assist small businesses to become better prepared to compete for, obtain and manage transportation-related contracts and subcontracts.

The Regional Assistance Division of OSDBU, through the SBTRC program, allows OSDBU to partner with local organizations to offer a comprehensive delivery system of business training, technical assistance and dissemination of information, targeted towards small