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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER OPENS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY

ANCHORAGE- A Joint Information Center (JIC) has been established to respond to media inquiries regarding the Federal-State response to the 2009 spring flood event in Alaska. President Obama declared a federal disaster for the state of Alaska in the wake of the spring flood event along portions of the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers and other locations.

The JIC brings together personnel from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Please contact us to obtain background information for all your stories. The following numbers are for **media use only**:

FEMA News Desk: 907-786-3014

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) loans are the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA disaster loans help homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private nonprofit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

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