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14 Days Remain to Register for State Individual Assistance **Deadline September 4, 2009**

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska –The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) state tele-registration line is accepting applications for the State Individual Family Grant (IFG) and Temporary Housing programs. The program is designed to provide assistance to individuals and families who suffered damages and/or losses to personal and real property during this 2009 spring floods and are not designated for federal assistance in the Federal Disaster Declaration or declaration add-ons.

The State Individual Assistance program is available to residents in the Northwest Arctic Borough, Bering Straits Regional Education Attendance Area (REAA), Iditarod REAA, Lower Kuskokwim REAA, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Fairbanks North Star Borough, and the Copper River REAA. Individual residents or households who sustained any damages to their primary residence, personal property, and/or transportation during the spring 2009 flooding event are encouraged to apply.

On June 11, a Federal Disaster Declaration was made for the most severely affected REAAs along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. Several REAAs did not receive damages that enabled them to qualify for federal individual assistance. State individual assistance is now available for those communities not named in the Federal Disaster Declaration.

“In addition to the Yukon and Kuskokwim river drainages, the spring floods affected many other Alaskan communities, some were not designated in the federal disaster declaration,” said John Madden, director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. “I encourage flood victims in the state designated areas to apply for state Individual Assistance. Our state Emergency Management Specialists will look at each application and make sure that the IFG and Temporary Housing programs are fully utilized.”

Those wanting to apply for State assistance should call DHS&EM at **1-800-921-3682**, Monday through Friday from **9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.** September 4th is the last day to apply. Applicants will be asked to provide a description of damages, photographs or videos, ownership documents for transportation and real property and insurance information.

Applicants with hearing disabilities should have a representative call the 1-800 number so arrangements can be made to take their applications.

The State deadline to apply for the State’s Individual Assistance programs is **September 4, 2009**.

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