

	Percent
For Economic Injury: Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 310706. For economic injury the numbers are 994000 for New Hampshire, and 994100 for Maine.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: July 22, 1998.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Action Subject to Intergovernmental Review Under Executive Order 12372

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of action subject to intergovernmental review.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is notifying the public that it intends to grant the pending applications of 35 existing Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) for refunding on January 1, 1999, subject to the availability of funds. Ten states do not participate in the EO 12372 process, therefore, their addresses are not included. A short description of the SBDC program follows in the supplementary information below.

The SBA is publishing this notice at least 120 days before the expected refunding date. The SBDCs and their mailing addresses are listed below in the addresses section. A copy of this notice also is being furnished to the respective State single points of contact designated under the Executive Order. Each SBDC application must be consistent with any area-wide small business assistance plan adopted by a State-authorized agency.

DATES: A State single point of contact and other interested State or local entities may submit written comments regarding an SBDC refunding by September 4, 1998 to the SBDC.

ADDRESSES:

Addresses of Relevant SBDC State Directors

Mr. Michael York, State Director, Maricopa Community College, 2411 West 14th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281-6941, (602) 731-8202

Ms. Kimberly Neri, State Director, California Trade & Comm. Agency, 801 K Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA 95824, (916) 324-9538

Ms. Edith McCloud, Acting Director, Howard University, 2600 6th St., NW., Room 125, Washington, DC 20059, (202) 806-1500

Mr. Michael Finnerty, State Director, Salt Lake Community College, 1623 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84115, (801) 957-3481

Ms. Cec Ortiz, State Director, Office of Business Development, 1625 Broadway, Suite 1710, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 892-2794

Mr. Jerry Cartwright, State Director, University of West Florida, 19 West Garden Street, Pensacola, FL 32501, (850) 595-6060

Mr. Hank Logan, State Director, University of Georgia, Chicopee Complex, Athens, GA 30602, (706) 542-6762

Mr. Sam Males, State Director, University of Nevada/Reno, College of Business Admin., Room 411, Reno, NV 89557-0100, (702) 784-1717

Mr. Steve Thrash, State Director, Economic Development Council, One North Capitol, Suite 420, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 264-6881

Mr. Darryl Mleynek, State Director, University of Hawaii/Hilo, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 974-7515

Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell, State Director, Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 620 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701, (217) 524-5856

Ms. Mary Collins, State Director, University of New Hampshire, 108 McConnell Hall, Durham, NH 03824, (603) 862-4879

Mr. Charles Davis, State Director, University of Southern Maine, 96 Falmouth Street, Portland, ME 04103, (207) 780-4420

Mr. Scott Daugherty, State Director, University of North Carolina, 333 Fayetteville Street Mall, Suite 1150, Raleigh, NC 27514, (919) 715-7272

Dr. Grady Pennington, State Director, SE Oklahoma State University, 517 West University, Durant, OK 74701, (405) 924-0277

Mr. Greg Higgins, State Director, University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School, 444 Vance Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 898-1219

Mr. Ronald Hall, State Director, Small Business Dev. Center, 2727 Second Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201, (313) 964-1798

Mr. Wally Kearns, State Director, University of North Dakota, P.O. Box 7308, Grand Forks, ND 58202, (701) 777-3700

Ms. Erica Kauten, State Director, University of Wisconsin, 432 North Lake Street, Room 423, Madison, WI 53706, (608) 262-3878

Mr. Douglas Jobling, State Director, Bryant College, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917, (401) 232-6111

Mr. John Lenti, State Director, University of South Carolina, College of Business Admin., 1710 College Street, Columbia, SC 29208, (803) 777-4907

Dr. Kenneth J. Burns, State Director, University of Memphis, South Campus, Building #1, Memphis, TN 38152, (901) 678-2500

Dr. Stephen L. Marder, Executive Director, University of Guam, P.O. Box 5061, UOG Station, Mangilao, GU 96923, (671) 735-2590

Mr. Steve Tracy, Acting State Director, University of South Dakota, School of Business, 414 East Clark, Vermillion, SD 57069, (605) 677-5498

Ms. Carol Reisenberg, State Director, Washington State University, 501 Johnson Tower, Pullman, WA 99164-4851, (509) 335-1576

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the SBDC Program

A partnership exists between SBA and an SBDC. SBDCs offer training, counseling and other business development assistance to small businesses. Each SBDC provides services under a negotiated Cooperative Agreement with SBA, the general management and oversight of SBA, and a state plan initially approved by the Governor. Non-Federal funds must match Federal funds. An SBDC must operate according to law, the Cooperative Agreement, SBA's regulations, the annual Program Announcement, and program guidance.

Program Objectives

The SBDC program uses Federal funds to leverage the resources of states, academic institutions and the private sector to:

- strengthen the small business community;
- increase economic growth;
- assist more small businesses; and
- broaden the delivery system to more small businesses.

SBDC Program Organization

The lead SBDC operates a statewide or regional network of SBDC subcenters. An SBDC must have a full-time Director. SBDCs must use at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide services to small businesses. SBDCs use volunteers and other low cost resources as much as possible.

SBDC Services

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, depending upon local needs, SBA priorities and SBDC program objectives. Services include training and counseling to existing and prospective small business owners in management, marketing, finance, operations, planning, taxes, and any other general

or technical area of assistance that supports small business growth.

The SBA district office and the SBDC must agree upon the specific mix of services. They should give particular attention to SBA's priority and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, exporters, the disabled, and minorities.

SBDC Program Requirements

An SBDC must meet programmatic and financial requirements imposed by statute, regulations or its Cooperative Agreement. The SBDC must:

- (a) locate subcenters so that they are as accessible as possible to small businesses;
- (b) open all subcenters at least 40 hours per week, or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;
- (c) develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment community, professional associations, private consultants and small business groups; and
- (d) maintain lists of private consultants at each subcenter.

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Johnnie L. Albertson,

Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

Notice is given that a new chapter, TAG for the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy (ODCP) is being issued. This statement also amends parts S and T of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter TA covers the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Programs and Policy (ODCPP). Notice is given that this office is being retitled as the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs (ODCDISP). Subchapter TAR, the Office of Policy and Planning will be abolished and the functions split between ODCP and ODCDISP. Subchapter TAN, the Office of Research, Evaluation and Statistics will also be abolished within ODCPP and be reestablished as a new office with the newly created Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy. Subchapter TAJ, the Office of International Policy is being retitled as the Office of International Programs. Subchapter TAP, the Office of Program

Benefits Policy is being retitled as the Office of Program Benefits. Notice is further given that Chapter S, the Social Security Administration opening chapter will be amended to reflect these organizational changes.

The changes are as follow:

Section S.10 *The Social Security Administration—(Organization):*

Retitle:

I. "The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Programs and Policy" to "The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs".

Add:

K. The Office of the Actuary (TC).
L. The Office of Communications (TE).

M. The Office of Policy (TG).

Add new Chapter.

Chapter TG

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy

TG.00 Mission

TG.10 Organization

TG.20 Functions

Section TG.00 *The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy—(Mission):*

The Deputy Commissioner, Policy is the principal advisor to the Commissioner of Social Security on major policy issues and is responsible for major activities in the areas of strategic policy planning, policy research and evaluation, statistical programs, and overall policy development and analysis. The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy (ODCP) serves as the Agency lead spokesperson in presenting policy proposals and analysis within and outside the Executive Branch. The Office directs the formulation of overall policy for SSA and ensures the consistency of policy development and implementation activities across all programs administered by SSA. The Office broadly formulates, promulgates, and interprets programs, objectives, and policy. The Office directs research, evaluation and analysis, and development of demonstrations and studies supporting the policy development of SSA. Provides recommendations on modification of social insurance and income assistance programs administered by SSA. Conducts the statistical programs of the Agency. The Office is involved in developing legislative and regulatory specifications and analyses of legislative and budgetary impacts. The Office works with the Department of Treasury on issues of policy relating to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and the Self-Employment Contributions

Act, including such matters as definition of wages and implementation of law. It directs formulation of Agency policy regarding related government programs that affect SSA programs and/or operations and negotiates related agreements with other agencies. It evaluates the effectiveness of national policies in meeting both short and long-term program goals.

Section TG.10 *The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy—(Organization):*

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy, under the leadership of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy, includes:

A. The Deputy Commissioner, Policy (TG).

B. The Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Policy (TG).

C. The Immediate Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy (TGA).

D. The Office of Research, Evaluation and Statistics (TGB).

E. The Office of Disability and Income Assistance Policy (TGC).

F. The Office of Retirement Policy (TGE).

Section TG.20 *The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy—(Functions):*

A. The Deputy Commissioner, Policy (TG) is directly responsible to the Commissioner for carrying out the ODCP mission and for providing general supervision to the major components of ODCP.

B. The Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Policy (TG) assists the Deputy Commissioner in carrying out his/her responsibilities and performs other duties as the Deputy Commissioner may prescribe.

C. The Immediate Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Policy (TGA) provides the Deputy Commissioner with staff assistance on the full range of his/her responsibilities.

D. The Office of Research, Evaluation and Statistics (TGB) develops and conducts SSA's research and statistical programs. Topics of research include evaluation of such things as income security, the effects of Social Security and income assistance programs on the economy, financing, and adequacy of cash benefits. This Office plans and directs studies to evaluate the effects of proposed policy changes on individuals, the economy, SSA programs and the interactions among these programs, other tax and income-transfer programs, and economic, social and demographic forces. Short and long-term research on the disabled population, work incentives, assessment tools, and impact of current and emerging medical technologies on SSA disability