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**Kris Swedin,**  
*Acting Administrator.*  
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3278]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (and  
Contiguous Counties in New Jersey)

Bucks County and the contiguous Counties of Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, and Warren in the State of New Jersey constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by flash flooding that occurred July 30 through August 2, 2000. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on October 10, 2000 and for economic injury until the close of business on May 8, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere .....	7.375
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....	3.687
Businesses with credit available elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	6.750
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 327806 for Pennsylvania and 327906 for New Jersey. For economic injury the numbers are 9I0700 for Pennsylvania and 9I0800 for New Jersey.

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

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal Assistance for Women's  
Business Centers (WBC) Sustainability  
Pilot Program To Provide Financial  
Counseling and Other Technical  
Assistance to Women

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.  
**ACTION:** Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-016.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue program announcement No. OWBO-2001-016 to invite applications from eligible nonprofit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center (WBC) projects. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations that have received financial assistance from SBA under its WBC Program. To be eligible the applicant must be either in the final year of its WBC 5-year project or have completed a WBC project financed by SBA which continues to provide assistance to women entrepreneurs. Funds will be provided to continue business training, counseling and technical assistance to women for an additional 5-year period. The authorizing legislation to establish this 4-year pilot program is the Women's Business Center Sustainability Act and the Small Business Act, §§ 2(h) and 29, 15 U.S.C. §§ 631(h) and 656. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the closing date of the application period. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. Applications will be reviewed and awarded simultaneously with other applications for first-time WBCs submitted under Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-015.

Service and assistance areas must include financial, management, marketing, loan packaging, eCommerce and government procurement/certification assistance. Applicants must plan to include women who are socially and economically disadvantaged in the target group. The applicant may propose specialized services that will assist women in Empowerment Zones, women who are veterans, women with disabilities, women with home-based businesses, women in agribusiness, or women in rural or urban areas. SBA will require award recipients to provide content and support to the SBA-funded Online Women's Business Center, ([www.onlinewbc.org](http://www.onlinewbc.org)) and provide training on the business uses of the Internet. Applicants' technical proposal must contain information about its

current status and past performance, and a 5-year plan for service delivery, fund-raising, training and technical assistance activities. A center may receive financial assistance up to three years (this is the second year of the four year pilot program) during the pilot's authorization period, however, the award will be issued annually to conduct a 12-month project.

The non-Federal match requirement is one non-Federal dollar for each Federal dollar in years 1 through 5 of the project. Up to one-half of the non-Federal matching funds may be in the form of in-kind contributions.

**DATES:** The application period will be from late September 2000 to mid-November 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sally Murrell, (202) 205-6673 or Mina Wales (202) 205-7080.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal Assistance for Women's  
Business Center (WBC) Program To  
Provide Financial Counseling and  
Other Management and Technical  
Assistance to Women

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration  
**ACTION:** Program Announcement No. OWBO-2001-015

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue program announcement No. OWBO-2001-015 to invite applications from eligible nonprofit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center projects. The authorizing legislation is the Small Business Act, §§ 2 (h) and 29, 15 U.S.C. §§ 631 (h) and 656. SBA Headquarters must receive applications/proposals by 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the closing date of the application period. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. The successful applicants will receive an award to provide long term training and other technical assistance to women who want to start or expand businesses.

Service and assistance areas must include financial, management, marketing, loan packaging, eCommerce and government procurement/certification assistance. Applicants must plan to include women who are socially

and economically disadvantaged in the target group. The applicant may propose specialized services that will assist women in Empowerment Zones, women who are veterans, women with disabilities, women who have home-based businesses, women in agribusiness, or women in rural or urban areas. SBA will require award recipients to provide content and support to the SBA-funded Online Women's Business Center, ([www.onlinewbc.org](http://www.onlinewbc.org)) and provide training on the business uses of the Internet. Each applicant must submit a five-year plan that describes proposed fund-raising, training and technical assistance activities. A center may receive financial assistance up to five years, however, the award will be issued annually to conduct a 12-month project.

Award recipients must provide non-Federal matching funds as follows: one non-Federal dollar for each two Federal dollars in years 1 and 2; and one non-Federal dollar for each Federal dollar in years 3, 4 and 5. Up to one-half of the non-Federal matching funds may be in the form of in-kind contributions.

**DATES:** The application period will be from late September 2001 to mid-November 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sally Murrell, (202) 205-6673 or Mina Wales (202) 205-7080.

**Sherrye P. Henry,**

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Region I Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region I Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Hartford, Connecticut will hold a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 2000, located at the Connecticut District Office, 330 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106, to discuss such matters as may be presented. For further information, write or call Marie Record, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, (860) 240-4700.

**Bettie Baca,**

*Counselor to the Administrator/Public Liaison.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Region I Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region I Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Augusta, Maine will hold a public meeting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12th at the Caribou Hotel & Conference Center to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present. For further information, write or call Mary McAleney, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 40 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330, (207) 622-8378.

**Bettie Baca,**

*Counselor to the Administrator/Public Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3348]

### Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy Notice of Committee Renewal

#### Renewal of Advisory Committee

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. This advisory committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

The duties of the Advisory Committee shall include performance of the following functions:

(a) To provide information and advice on both public and private aspects of current foreign affairs issues in these areas;

(b) To provide advice in the formulation of United States communications and information policy, positions and proposals for multilateral and bilateral consultations,

and negotiations on communications and information policy issues; and

(c) In furtherance of the objectives noted in paragraphs (a) and (b), through subcommittees and working groups, to provide information and advice, and to carry out special studies and research in particular areas of information and communications policy as may be deemed advisable.

The objective of the Committee is to bring to the Department a source of expertise, knowledge and insight, not available within the Department or elsewhere in the Government, on these issues and problems.

For further information, please contact: Timothy C. Finton, EB/CIP, U.S. Department of State, <[fintontc@state.gov](mailto:fintontc@state.gov)>.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

**Timothy C. Finton,**

*Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a Public Collection of Information for Competition Plans Under the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) and Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on a public information collection which will be submitted to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 16, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to FAA, at the following address: Ms. Judith Street, Room 613, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division, APF-100, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judith Street, at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA solicits comments on the following new collection of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of