SBA’s Deadline is June 29 for Physical Damage Disaster Loan Applications for Residents in New York

ATLANTA - The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners, and renters in New York of the deadline to submit disaster loan applications for damages caused by the building fire and explosion that occurred on March 26, 2015. The deadline to apply for a physical damage disaster loan is June 29, 2015.

Low-interest disaster loans are available in New York County and the adjacent counties of the Bronx, Kings and Queens in New York; Bergen and Hudson in New Jersey.

Businesses of any size and nonprofit organizations may borrow up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private, nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Loans up to $200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to $40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, to make improvements that help prevent the risk of future property damage caused by a similar disaster.

Interest rates are as low as 4 percent for businesses, 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations, and 1.813 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Disaster loan information and applications may also be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or by emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded at www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is June 29, 2015. The deadline to return economic injury applications is January 28, 2016.

For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.