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TO: Businesses Affected by Tornado and Flooding
Missouri Disaster # MO-00048
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SUBJECT: FEMA and SBA Assistance

Several businesses have been physically and/or economically damaged as a result of the April 22nd tornado. We lament these losses and will support you as you rebuild.

St. Louis County was one of five counties included in President Barak Obama's federal major disaster declaration for the State of Missouri. This declaration makes a number of federal assistances available to businesses, homeowners and renters. As a business owner who experienced storm damage in the community, you can apply for these programs.

Those seeking direct federal assistance must register with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and receive a FEMA registration identification number as soon as possible at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

FEMA has been authorized to provide disaster grants to those affected by the storms, and the Small Business Administration (SBA) has been authorized to provide low-cost disaster loans.

SBA will provide these loans to businesses and individuals to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources. The SBA loan application can be submitted either electronically or via mail. Information on all SBA loan programs and the application process can be found at www.sba.gov.

The deadline for SBA physical damage applications is **July 8, 2011**, and the deadline for SBA economic injury loan applications is **February 9, 2012**. These deadlines are not flexible, so please submit any and all applications as soon as possible.

A FEMA and SBA disaster relief office will be coming to St. Louis County with representatives to provide in-person assistance. A location for this temporary office is being identified, and we will keep you notified as progress is made.

If we at St. Louis County Economic Council can be of further assistance, please contact:

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