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CICERO DISASTER CENTER OPENS FOR AREA RESIDENTS

LISLE, Ill. — A federal/state Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, in Cicero for residents of Cook county to meet face-to-face with disaster recovery specialists, officials said today.

The DRC, operated jointly by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will operate from **9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week, including Labor Day.** The location is:

**Cicero Public Safety Building
5410 W. 34th St.
Cicero, IL 60804**

Seven counties (Carroll, Cook, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago) were designated a disaster area by President Obama. Before visiting a DRC, residents of those counties who had flood damage between July 22 and Aug. 7 are encouraged to apply for disaster assistance. Call **800-621-FEMA (3362)**, **(TTY) 800-462-7585** seven days a week, **7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT**, or apply online at www.disasterassistance.gov/. Help in other languages is available.

DRC services include help with applying for disaster assistance and finding out about other disaster programs available from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), state and local agencies, and voluntary organizations. **Residents must apply with FEMA** even if they already provided damage information to local officials, other agencies or organizations.

SBA low-interest disaster loans may be available for homeowners, renters, businesses and private non-profit organizations of all sizes to repair or replace real estate, contents and/or personal property damaged in the severe storms and flooding. SBA customer service representatives will be present to answer questions and accept completed loan applications. Information and assistance from SBA is also available at **1-800-659-2955**, **(TTY) 1-800-877-8339** or online at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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