



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

Honorable Mary Fallin  
Governor of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

**APR 15 2014**

Dear Governor Fallin:

This is in response to your request of April 7, 2014, for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) economic injury disaster declaration for Cleveland and McClain counties as a result of the closure of the James C. Nance Memorial Bridge, which closed on January 31, 2014.

After careful review of the documentation supporting your request, we have determined that the statutory or regulatory requirements for an economic injury disaster declaration have not been met. The bridge closure does not meet the definition of a disaster as defined in the Small Business Act. The Act defines a disaster as a sudden event which causes severe damage and we have determined that the bridge closure for required maintenance does not meet the statutory definition.

Accordingly, I have determined that an SBA economic injury disaster declaration cannot be approved for Cleveland and McClain counties. However, in the absence of a declaration, other forms of assistance are still available to Oklahoma businesses negatively impacted by the bridge closure through our resource partners. I encourage all businesses impacted by the closure to contact the following resources and inquire about other business assistance programs that may be available.

**SBA Oklahoma District Office**  
301 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 116  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Phone: 405-609-8000  
[www.sba.gov/ok](http://www.sba.gov/ok)

**Oklahoma City SCORE**  
301 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Suite 116  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Phone: 405-609-8004  
[www.oklahomacity.score.org](http://www.oklahomacity.score.org)

**University of Central Oklahoma SBDC**  
One Santa Fe Plaza  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Phone: 405-232-1968  
[www.oksbdc.org/uco](http://www.oksbdc.org/uco)

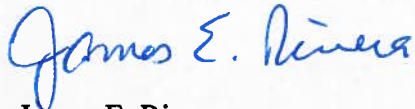
**Women's Business Center at  
Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc. (REI)**  
800 Research Parkway, Suite 305  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Phone: 405-319-8190  
[www.ruralenterprises.com](http://www.ruralenterprises.com)



I regret that we are unable to offer economic injury disaster loans in this matter. We appreciate your continued support of the SBA Disaster Assistance Program. If you and your staff have additional questions, please contact Nicholas Coutsos, SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James E. Rivera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

James E. Rivera  
Associate Administrator  
for Disaster Assistance