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## News Release

## FEMA Helpline Remains Open to Alaska Residents on Presidents' Day

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency Helpline is available every day including Presidents' Day for Alaska residents who were affected by the Nov. 30 earthquake. Residents are encouraged to apply for federal disaster assistance online or by phone.

Residents can apply for FEMA assistance the following ways:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov
- Call **800-621-3362 (FEMA)**, voice/VP/711. Multilingual operators are available. TTY users may call **800-462-7585**. Lines are open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time.
- The application deadline is April 1.

Alaskans who have not registered for state Individual Assistance have until Feb. 28 to apply online at <u>Ready.Alaska.gov</u> or call **855-445-7131**.

Disaster recovery centers are expected to open soon in Anchorage. The centers offer in-person help registering residents for FEMA's Individual Assistance program, completing paperwork and checking the status of federal disaster assistance applications. They are staffed by FEMA and U.S. Small Business Administration representatives. FEMA representatives may also provide referrals to other state, federal and voluntary organizations that may offer additional disaster assistance.

SBA is the federal government's primary source of funding for the long-term rebuilding of disasterdamaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property.

For more information on Alaska's disaster recovery, visit <u>FEMA.gov/disaster/4413</u>, <u>Twitter.com/FEMARegion10</u> and <u>Facebook.com/FEMA</u>.

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has faced

discrimination, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (FEMA), voice/VP/711. Multilingual operators are available. TTY users may call 800-462-7585.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email <u>DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov</u> or visit SBA at <u>www.SBA.gov/disaster</u>.