

## Flood Recovery & Relief for Businesses at the Larimer County Workforce Center September 2013

The Larimer County Workforce Center (LCWC) is committed to working with our partners to identify flood recovery and relief resources for affected businesses throughout Larimer County. If your business has been affected, please connect with us:

- Visit <u>www.larimerworkforce.org</u> for current information and links (in progress).
- To share your questions, concerns, and resources with the LCWC's Business Development Team, contact a consultant at 970-498-6665 or <a href="mailto:business@larimer.org">business@larimer.org</a>.
- <u>"Like" the Larimer County Workforce Center- Business Development Services on Facebook</u> for updates on recovery and relief options for businesses.

As of the week beginning 9/16/2013, the FEMA and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) are still evaluating the impacts of the flood to businesses and workers. Recovery and relief resources and funding have not been determined.

## FAQ's

**Q:** My business has been lost or closed due to the flood. Am I eligible to receive Unemployment Benefits? **A1:** We suggest you contact the Unemployment Office to begin a claim as soon as possible. You may be eligible for benefits, and the Unemployment Office will want to identify your special circumstances.

By Phone: 1 (303) 318-9100 (recommended for flood affected business owners.)

Online: www.colorado.gov/cdle

**A2:** We also suggest that you contact the Larimer Small Business Development Center to learn more about business counseling and disaster relief services.

By Phone: (970) 498-9295 E-mail: admin@larimersbdc.org

**Q:** I have lay off workers (temporarily or permanently), or my workers have been cut off from my location and cannot return to work. What can I do to support my workers?

**A:** If you anticipate laying off workers, or if your workers can no longer access your business, we suggest the following:

- Encourage your workers to file a claim with the Unemployment Office as soon as possible. (Initiating a claim over the phone is recommended for flood affected claimants: 1 (800) 388-5515.)
- Make contact with the LCWC's Business Development Team as soon as possible. We can offer a variety of
  options for your workers including "Rapid Response" job search resources, UI claim information, and more.



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