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STATE TO HOST FORUM FOR BUSINESS OWNERS AFFECTED BY FLOOD

PIERRE, S.D. - The state of South Dakota will be hosting a forum for businesses affected by the Missouri River flooding. The forum will be held on Friday, June 17, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Matthew Training Center in Pierre.

The forum panel will include local officials as well as representatives from state agencies including Health, Labor and Regulation, Economic Development and Public Safety. Questions about federal assistance will be taken down but not responded to in this meeting. Once a federal disaster determination has been made, responses to noted questions will be made available.

Anyone with questions should submit them by e-mail to BusinessFloodingQuestions@state.sd.us. Questions submitted through the e-mail will receive priority. Questions from the audience will be taken as time allows.

In addition to this forum, the state of South Dakota compiled a business specific Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet. The FAQ sheet can be found on the www.DisasterRecovery.sd.gov website. The sheet addresses flooded basements, relocation and potential federal assistance.

Local officials in Dakota Dunes and North Sioux City have been contacted regarding a similar forum in southeast South Dakota.