

## SBA Offers Online Chat

Thursday, March 19, the U.S. Small Business Administration will offer a live online chat from noon to 1 p.m. (CST) titled “The Recovery Act and Your Small Business” that will discuss the federal stimulus package. Participants can access it by going to [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) and clicking on the “Online Business Chat” icon.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, generally known as the Recovery Act, is a nationwide effort to grow the economy by stimulating job creation, freeing up the nation’s credit markets, and investing in small business.

SBA is making a concentrated effort to educate the small business public about the economic opportunities now available to help restore the entrepreneurial spirit that drives America’s economy. This includes providing program tools that offer new economic incentives to small businesses and lenders. SBA is working diligently to enact the new programs created by the passage of the bill and make changes to the programs already in existence.

Although the SBA is still working on the details and implementation of the Recovery Act that was recently passed by Congress, the chat will allow small business owners to become familiar with its general provisions. Eric Zarnikow, an administrator with the SBA’s office in Washington, D.C., will answer a range of questions to help chat participants understand the elements of the Recovery Act that pertain to the SBA and the nation’s small businesses.

Questions may also be posted before the chat begins by going to [www.app1.sba.gov/livemeeting/mar09/](http://www.app1.sba.gov/livemeeting/mar09/).

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## Monthly Rate Corner

504 Rates based on the March 2009 Debenture Sale

	<u>“Note Rate”</u>	<u>“Effective Rate” (includes fees)</u>
10-Year	4.021%	5.072%
20-Year	4.729%	5.604%