Disaster Application Centers get requests for aid from 199

Disaster Application Centers in Seward and Willow closed recently after taking registrations from 199 individuals, families and business owners affected by the Oct 10-13 floods.

State Coordinating Officer Don Drury advised that even though these centers are closed, people in the disaster declared areas still can apply for federal and state assistance.

"People who did not have an opportunity to visit a disaster application center in their area should call the Disaster Information Hotline to find out how to apply for assistance," Drury said.

The hotline toll-free number is 800-478-0500.

During the three and a half days of center operations, 133 applicants registered at the Seward Center and 66 in the Willow Center.

Flood victims have until Dec. 26 to apply for disaster assistance and until Nov. 28 to claim Disaster Unemployment Assistance with the Alaska State Department of Labor.