

Recognizing the important role small business has in our economy, on May 5, 2009, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) made the following significant announcements to expand small business lending:

- U.S. Small Business Administration has temporarily provided a new alternative size standard for 7(a) Loan Program. Under previous 7(a) size standard program guidelines, eligible small businesses were based on revenue size or employment size depending upon the industry classification. The new alternative size standard for 7(a) loan applicants is the same as that for 504 loan applicants and is described as follows: “Including its affiliates, tangible net worth not in excess of \$8.5 million, and average net income after Federal income taxes (excluding any carry-over losses) for the preceding two completed fiscal years not in excess of \$3.0 million.”
- The alternative size standard ruling should expand access to small businesses.
- This size standard change is temporary and expires on September 30, 2010.

While many lending participants have either substantially reduced or eliminated their loan participation, Business Finance Group (BFG), with its core community bank lending partners, has continued to be a very active participant and is positioned well to assist small businesses to expand their business horizons.

BFG has more than 40 years of combined lending experience. Please call one of our qualified staff to discuss how Business Finance Group can provide small business financing assistance.