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Six Counties Added to Presidential Disaster Declaration

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver announced today that six additional counties affected by the severe winter storm in December have been added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration granted Feb. 25, 2010.

The counties added to the declaration are: Buena Vista, Dickinson, O'Brien, Palo Alto, Plymouth and Pocahontas.

This declaration provides assistance to state and local governments and certain nonprofit organizations (including rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities) for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities. The initial counties eligible for Public Assistance were Adair, Audubon, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Emmet, Franklin, Fremont, Guthrie, Harrison, Ida, Monona, Page, Pottawattamie, Sac, Shelby, Sioux, and Woodbury.

In addition, Buena Vista, Dickinson, O'Brien, Palo Alto, and Plymouth Counties may be eligible for snow removal assistance (reimbursement of costs for 48 hours of continuous operations for emergency snow removal) under this declaration.

Public Assistance program funds are available to public entities and select non-profit agencies to rebuild damaged infrastructure that may include roads, bridges, culverts, and other public facilities, or to cover costs of emergency work during the Dec. 23-27, 2009 storm. This declaration is not related to the ice storm in January.

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