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This message is to notify PPP Borrowers of a new SBA Interim Final Rule on streamlined forgiveness.

Last night the SBA released a new [Interim Final Rule](#) implementing a streamlined forgiveness application process for Borrowers of \$50,000 or less. Under the simplified process, these Borrowers are exempt from reductions in the forgiveness amount due to reductions in staffing or wages. Borrowers using the streamlined forgiveness application must complete one page of certifications and submit documentation of payroll costs or other forgivable expenses.

We encourage Borrowers of \$50,000 or less to utilize the streamlined forgiveness process. We are currently testing the SBA Forgiveness Platform to ensure it is configured to accept the streamlined application. NSB is also implementing a secure portal for forgiveness submissions. Once testing and implementation are complete, we will provide our Borrowers with secure submission instructions. NSB strongly discourages borrowers from submitting applications via regular, unsecured email.

NSB is committed to processing PPP loan forgiveness applications in a timely manner and submitting those applications to the SBA for review within 60-days, as prescribed by PPP rules. We are preparing for a healthy volume of applications. Upon our submission of a forgiveness application to the SBA, PPP rules allow the SBA 90 days to render their forgiveness decision. The SBA has indicated they intend to render decisions on streamlined applications as rapidly as possible.

For Borrowers of over \$50,000, the possibility remains for legislative action to streamline the forgiveness process, with several bills pending. For these Borrowers, our guidance is still to delay applying for forgiveness if possible.

NSB continues to monitor all potential PPP forgiveness rule changes being considered by Congress.

We appreciate you choosing NSB for your banking needs.

Sincerely,

The NSB Commercial Banking Team

