



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes*

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## **SBA DISASTER OFFICE FLOODED WITH APPLICATIONS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

**NAPLES, NC** – In response to Hurricanes Frances and Ivan, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is hiring employees to assist with its disaster recovery efforts. Following a disaster, SBA is a major player and the primary source of long-term recovery financial assistance for homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations that suffered losses.

“Following these hurricanes, SBA is issuing applications to disaster victims at a tremendous pace,” said Michael C. Allen, SBA disaster area director. “The numbers will continue to grow as other states are declared due to the destruction caused by Frances and Ivan.”

Immediate positions are available for damage estimators, loan officers, attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants and customer service representatives. Damage Estimator positions require knowledge and experience in residential and commercial construction, and estimating. Loan officer positions require experience in analyzing financial statements and making credit decisions.

“SBA needs more help to meet the demand for low-interest loans to both home and business owners. The Agency also needs to increase its staff to accommodate the number of disasters affecting the southeastern part of the country,” Allen explained.

The jobs are temporary but could last as long as 6 months to a year, or even longer. “These are paid positions that include overtime,” added Allen. Base salaries can range from \$26,000 to \$49,000 annually depending on experience, with overtime hourly rates of \$19 to \$32.

SBA works in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and any disaster victim who applies for assistance with FEMA may be referred to the SBA for disaster loan assistance. “SBA is here to help with recovery efforts, however, we have a need to hire additional staff, especially with the uncertainties of the current weather conditions,” Allen said.

To apply for the positions, potential applicants should call the SBA Disaster Office in Atlanta at 404-347-3771 or toll free 1-800-359-2227. Resumes can be faxed to 404-347-5487 or emailed to: [DA2HR@sba.gov](mailto:DA2HR@sba.gov). Extensive travel and overtime are required, along with credit and background checks.

SBA provides disaster loans for uninsured or otherwise uncompensated losses. Interest rates can be as low as 3.187 percent for homeowners and renters, and 2.900 percent for businesses. Loan terms can be up to 30 years.

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