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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Baton Rouge to Close

SACRAMENTO – Michael W. Ricks, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Louisiana District Office, announced today that the SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Baton Rouge will close on **Thursday, April 30 at 5 pm**. “SBA will continue to provide one-on-one, personal service to disaster victims of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike at the center until it closes,” Ricks said.

“Although the application deadlines to apply for property damage from the Hurricanes have passed, small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations still have time to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans. These loans are designed to help meet working capital needs caused by the hurricanes and are available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The application deadline for these loans is June 2 for Hurricane Gustav and June 15 for Hurricane Ike,” said Ricks.

“SBA customer service representatives are available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their EIDL applications and close their approved disaster loans,” Ricks said. Residents and business owners can speak with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Bon Carré Business Center
Louisiana Economic Development Center
7149 Florida Boulevard, Suite 7149
Baton Rouge, LA

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am – 5 pm

Closes on Thursday, April 30 at 5 pm

SBA customer services representatives will continue to be available until further notice at the following Disaster Loan Outreach Center to meet individually with residents and business owners:

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ORLEANS PARISH
SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
5800 Canal Boulevard
New Orleans, LA

Mondays through Fridays
8:30 am – 5 pm

Open until further notice

According to Ricks, SBA has approved \$140.3 million in low interest disaster loans to Louisiana homeowners and renters and \$38.8 million to Louisiana businesses and private, non-profit organizations impacted by Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike.

Residents and business owners may also obtain SBA disaster loan information from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Disaster victims may also apply online using the SBA's Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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