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SBA to Close Brownsville Disaster Loan Outreach Center

Sacramento, CA – Kim Jones, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration's Lower Rio Grande Valley District Office, announced today that SBA will close its Brownsville Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the close of business on **Friday, October 31, 2008.** The center, located at the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce at 1600 University Boulevard, is open from 8 am to 5 pm daily. "Until then, SBA will continue to provide one-on-one service to disaster victims of Hurricane Dolly," she said.

SBA customer service representatives also will continue to be available at the Lower Rio Grande District Office DLOC to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program and close their approved disaster loans." "Individuals and businesses can meet with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary," Jones continued.

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Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC)
SBA Lower Rio Grande District Office
222 East Van Buren Street
5th Floor Conference Room
Harlingen, TX

Mondays – Fridays
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Until further notice

SBA offers low-interest Federal disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed by the disaster. So far, SBA has approved nearly $14 million in low-interest loans to Texas residents and businesses hurt by Hurricane Dolly.

Individuals and business owners who are unable to visit one of the centers may obtain information about SBA's disaster loan programs by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955** or by visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.