



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close New Roads Disaster Loan Outreach Center

SACRAMENTO – Michael W. Ricks, the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Louisiana District Director, announced today that SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Center in **New Roads** will close on **Friday, December 12 at 4:30 pm.**

“SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their applications and close their approved disaster loans until then,” Ricks said. Residents and business owners who suffered damages as a result of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike can speak with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated below until the office closes. No appointment is necessary.

NEW ROADS

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Scott Civic Center
1200 Major Parkway
New Roads, LA

Mondays – Fridays, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Closes Friday, December 12 at 4:30 pm

“Although the deadline to apply for property damage from Hurricane Gustav was December 3 and for Hurricane Ike it is December 12, small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations have until June 15, 2009 to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). These loans are designed to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Since the President declared the hurricanes disasters, SBA has approved \$116.8 million in loans to 3,610 Louisiana homeowners and renters and \$19.7 million in loans to 426 Louisiana businesses and private, non-profit organizations hurt by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike” said Ricks.

Individuals and business owners may obtain the location of a Disaster Recovery Center or SBA DLOC near them by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339 or visit SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Information on SBA programs may also be obtained at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Disaster victims may now go online to file an SBA application for disaster loan assistance. The Electronic Loan Application (ELA) is accessible via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Disaster victims should first register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling (800) 621-3362, or visit their web site at www.fema.gov.

For more information visit SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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