



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Three Disaster Loan Outreach Centers and Two Business Assistance Centers

SACRAMENTO – Manuel R. Gonzalez, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Houston District Office, announced today that SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in High Island, Kountze, Livingston and Business Assistance Centers (BAC) in Texas City and Orange will close Friday, December 12.

“SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers and Business Assistance Centers to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their application and close their approved disaster loans until then,” he added.

Residents and business owners who suffered damage as a result of Hurricane Ike can speak with an SBA representative on the days and times indicated below until the centers close. No appointment is necessary.

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

<u>Galveston County</u>	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Polk County</u>
High Island High School 2113 6 th Street High Island, TX 77623	Hardin County Courthouse Annex 300 Monroe/Hwy 326 (Across the street from the courthouse building) Kountze, TX 77625	Polk County Office Annex Office of Emergency Management 602 East Church Street Livingston, TX 77351
Mondays – Fridays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm	Mondays – Fridays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Mondays – Fridays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Business Assistance Centers

<u>Galveston County</u>	<u>Orange County</u>
Galveston County SBDC 8419 Emmett Lowry Expressway Texas City, TX 77591	Northway Shopping Center 3737 N. 16 th Street Orange, TX 77632
Mondays – Fridays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Mondays – Fridays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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“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. SBA customer service representatives continue to be available in Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC), SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers and Business Assistance Centers throughout Texas.

So far, SBA has approved \$416.6 million in low-interest loans to Texas residents and businesses hurt by Hurricane Ike,” said Gonzalez.

Individuals and business owners may obtain the location of a DRC, SBA DLOC, or BAC 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.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **December 12, 2008**. The EIDL deadline is **June 15, 2009**.

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

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