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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS CLOSE THANKSGIVING DAY

BATON ROUGE, La. –In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, all Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) across Louisiana will close on Thursday, Nov. 27 and reopen Friday, Nov. 28. The list below contains the locations of all of the DRCs open for the week of Nov. 24, 2008.

Disaster Recovery Center location and hours of operation:

Assumption Parish

Napoleonville Community Ctr.
4770 Hwy.
Napoleonville, LA 70390

Calcasieu Parish

Trinity Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1701 Ryan St.
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Cameron Parish

Hackberry
Recreation District
1250 Recreation Cl.
Hackberry, LA 70645

Cameron Parish

Grand Lake Recreation District #5
108 Recreation Ln.
Grand Lake, LA 70607

Concordia Parish

Vidalia Conference
Convention Ctr.
112 Front St.
Vidalia, LA 71373

Iberia Parish

Iberia Parish Fire
Protection District #1
2309 Avery Island Rd.
New Iberia, LA 70560

Lafourche Parish

Old Wal-Mart
4876 Hwy. 1
Mathews, LA 70375

Orleans Parish

Main Library
219 Loyola Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70112

Rapides Parish

Bolton Avenue
Community Center
315 Bolton Ave.
Alexandria, LA 71301

Terrebonne Parish

Town Hall Building
805 Barrow St.
Houma, LA 70360

Vermilion Parish

American Legion Hall
605 N. Gin
Erath, LA 70533

Winn Parish

First Baptist Church
111 East Court St.
Winnfield, LA 71483

Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Disaster Recovery Center staff can answer questions about registration for disaster assistance and hazard mitigation, help with disaster loan applications and provide information and contacts for other programs.

Homeowners, renters and business owners affected by hurricanes Gustav and Ike are encouraged to register for assistance by calling the toll-free registration line at **1-800-621-FEMA (3362) (TTY 1-800-462-7585)** which is open 24 hours a day seven days a week. Applicants also may register on-line at www.fema.gov.

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Residents are encouraged to register prior to visiting a Disaster Recovery Center.

Officials remind affected residents who have already filled out damage report forms with the state, parish emergency managers or voluntary agencies that they must register with FEMA at the above numbers or Web site to be considered for federal assistance.

All residents also are encouraged to get involved with the recovery process by helping spread the word about available assistance and the registration numbers.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) representatives at the Disaster Recovery Centers will meet individually with each applicant to provide assistance in completing his or her disaster loan application and to accept completed disaster loan applications. **Returning the applications is an essential part of the disaster recovery process even for individuals who do not want a loan.**

The SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations for losses not fully covered by insurance. The SBA may loan up to \$200,000 to repair or replace homes and up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. Up to \$2 million is available for uncompensated business disaster losses.

Residents and business owners can receive information about SBA disaster loans and help with the application process by calling the **SBA at 1-800-659-2955** or visiting the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

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Individuals do not need to apply for an SBA loan before they can receive FEMA's temporary housing assistance, which includes rental assistance, home repair and replacement funds, as well as grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses. However, an applicant must complete an SBA loan application to be eligible for FEMA assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private nonprofit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call 800-659-2955 (TTY 800-877-8339).