

# Gulf Opportunity Pilot Loan Program (GO Loans)

The U.S. Small Business Administration launched the *Gulf Opportunity Loan (GOLoan) Program* in 2005 as a one year pilot to expedite small business financing to those 59 counties severely impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Agency provides its full guaranty and streamlined and centralized loan processing to qualified lending partners that agree to make expedited SBA 7(a) loans available to small businesses located in the designated counties. The program has been extended each fiscal year since its inception and is currently scheduled to expire September 30, 2011.

**Eligible Mississippi Lenders** – All approved SBAExpress Lenders are eligible to participate and are as follows:

#### **BancorpSouth Bank**

Gary Martin, VP  
Tupelo, MS  
(662) 680-2345

#### **Covington County Bank**

Patricia Speed, Senior VP  
Collins, MS  
(601) 765-6551

#### **Merchants & Marine**

Henry Fox, SVP  
Pascagoula, MS  
(228) 934-1258

#### **The Peoples Bank**

Patrick Wild, VP  
Biloxi, MS  
(228) 435-5511

#### **BankPlus**

Paul Howell, Senior VP  
Ridgeland, MS  
(601) 898-4846

#### **First Commercial Bank**

John Blanton, AVP  
Jackson, MS  
(601) 709-7777

#### **Peoples Bank**

Brenda Craft, AVP  
Magee, MS  
(601) 849-2210

#### **Trustmark Bank**

Patricia McMahon, VP  
Pearl, MS  
(601) 208-7391

#### **Century Bank**

Renee Mason, LO  
Lucedale, MS  
(601) 947-7511

#### **First Financial Bank**

Chris Stewart, VP  
Carthage, MS  
(601) 267-0095

#### **PriorityOne Bank**

Robbie Barnes  
Magee, MS  
(601) 849-3311

#### **Whitney Nat'l Bank**

Ronnie Emile, AVP  
Gulfport, MS  
(228) 214-7221

#### **Charter Bank**

Bob Favre, Exec VP  
Biloxi, MS  
(228) 392-2330

#### **Hancock Bank**

Thomas N. Collins, VP  
Biloxi, MS  
(228) 432-3110

#### **Regions**

Miguel Alandete  
Birmingham, AL  
(205) 560-3344

#### **Coast Community Bank**

Mike Cooper, VP  
Gulfport, MS  
(228) 897-6083

#### **Merchants & Farmers**

John Christy  
Olive Branch, MS  
(622) 890-1599

#### **State Bank & Trust**

Beverly Mims, VP  
Greenwood, MS  
(662) 453-6811

#### **Community Bank**

Ralph Hall, VP  
Brandon, MS  
(601) 825-4323

#### **Merchants & Marine**

Mack Rushing, VP  
Ocean Springs, MS  
(228) 934-1140

#### **The First**

Jeremy Felder, VP  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 450-8888

Please contact the  
Mississippi District  
Office at (601) 965-4378  
or the  
Gulfport Branch Office  
at (228) 863-4449 for  
more information.

## Eligible Mississippi Counties

Adams	Jackson	Oktibbeha
Amite	Jasper	Pearl River
Attala	Jefferson	Perry
Carroll	Jefferson Davis	Pike
Choctaw	Jones	Rankin
Claiborne	Kemper	Scott
Clarke	Lamar	Sharkey
Clay	Lauderdale	Simpson
Copiah	Lawrence	Smith
Covington	Leake	Stone
Franklin	LeFlore	Sunflower
Forrest	Lincoln	Walthall
George	Lowndes	Warren
Greene	Madison	Washington
Hancock	Marion	Wayne
Harrison	Monroe	Webster
Holmes	Montgomery	Wilkinson
Humphreys	Neshoba	Winston
Hinds	Newton	Yazoo
Issaquena	Noxubee	