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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Announces Memorial Day Closing of Business Recovery Centers in Alabama

ATLANTA –The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that its Business Recovery Center will close on Monday, May 31, in recognition of **Memorial Day**. The Centers will resume normal operations on **Tuesday, June 1** and remain open until further notice.

The Centers hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are located in the following communities:

Baldwin County	Mobile County
Harry Roberts Community House 300 E. 16 th Avenue Gulf Shores, LA 36542	Bayou LaBatre Community Center 12745 Padgett Switch Road Irvington, AL 36544

Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and most private non-profit organizations may apply for SBA Economic Injury Loans (EIDLs). Eligible activities include fishing (e.g. Commercial Red Snapper Fishermen), shrimping, crabbing and oyster fishing and entities dependent on the catching or sale of fish, shrimp, crabs and oysters, suppliers of fishing gear and fuel; docks, boatyards, processors, wholesalers, shippers, retailers and other small businesses dependent on revenue from recreational and sports fishing.

Business Owners unable to visit one of the Centers may obtain applications and program information by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for people with speech or hearing disabilities) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Completed applications should be returned to one of the Centers or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Business Owners may apply for disaster loans on SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is **February 14, 2011**.

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For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.