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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Announces Memorial Day Closing of Business Recovery Centers in Florida

ATLANTA –The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that its Business Recovery Centers 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:

<p><u>Bay County</u> Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce 309 Richard Jackson Blvd. Panama City, FL 32407</p>	<p><u>Escambia County</u> Small Business Development Center 401 E. Chase Street - Ste. 100 Pensacola, FL 32502</p>	<p><u>Franklin County</u> Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce 122 Commerce Street Apalachicola, FL 32320</p>	<p><u>Gulf County</u> Chamber of Commerce 150 Captain Fred’s Place Port St. Joe, FL 32456</p>
<p><u>Okaloosa County</u> Community Center Annex (Senior Center) 108 Stahlman Avenue Destin, FL 32541</p>	<p><u>Santa Rosa County</u> Navarre Beach Chamber of Commerce 8543 Navarre Parkway Navarre, FL 32566</p>	<p><u>Wakulla County</u> Wakulla Agriculture Center 84 Cedar Avenue Crawfordville, FL 32327</p>	<p><u>Walton County</u> Walton Area Chamber of Commerce 63 S. Centre Trail Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459</p>

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 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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