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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Announces Memorial Day Closing of Business Recovery Centers in Mississippi

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 locations and hours of operations are:

<p>George County George Co. EOC 355 Cox Street – Suite J Lucedale, MS 39452 Open: Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Hancock County Civic Center 335 Coleman Avenue Waveland, MS 39576 Open: Monday-Saturday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>
<p>Harrison County Small Business Administration, Gulfport Branch Office Hancock Bank Plaza 2510 14th Street, Suite 103 Gulfport, MS 39501 Open: Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Jackson County Jackson County Fairgrounds, Ticket Office 2902 Shortcut Rd. Pascagoula, MS 39567 Open: Monday-Saturday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>
<p>Stone County Stone County Courthouse 323 E. Cavers Avenue Wiggins, MS 39577 Open: Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</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.

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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.