



Media Advisory

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Business Recovery Centers Will Remain Open on Saturdays

ATLANTA – U.S. Small Business Administration advises businesses affected by the Deepwater BP Oil Spill that all Florida Business Recovery Centers will remain open on Saturdays until further notice to assist them with completing their application and to answer any related questions they may have about the loan process.

The Business Recovery Center hours are Monday – Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the following locations:

<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> Economic Development Council Office 406 Marina Drive Port Saint 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>

“Due to the amount of economic losses caused by the Deepwater BP Oil Spill in Florida, we want affected businesses to have a resource where they can meet individually with SBA representatives and find out how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

Business owners who are 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 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT.

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

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