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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Relocates Business Recovery Center in Bay County for Small Businesses Affected by the Deepwater BP Oil Spill

ATLANTA - The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that the Business Recovery Center located at **City Chamber of Commerce, 309 Richard Jackson Blvd, Panama City, FL 32407** will move to **Bay County Emergency Management, 700 Highway 2300, Southport, Florida 32409** on **Monday, July 26**. The new Center hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice.

“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 Disaster Field Operations Center in Atlanta.

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

<u>Bay County</u> County Emergency Management 700 Highway 2300 Southport, FL 32409	<u>Escambia County</u> Small Business Development Center 401 E. Chase St. ,Ste. 100 Pensacola, FL 32502	<u>Franklin County</u> Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce 122 Commerce St. Apalachicola, FL 32320	<u>Gulf County</u> Chamber of Commerce 406 Marina Drive Port St. Joe, FL 32456
<u>Okaloosa County</u> Community Center Annex (Senior Center) 108 Stahlman Avenue Destin, FL 32541	<u>Santa Rosa County</u> Navarre Beach Chamber of Commerce 8543 Navarre Parkway Navarre, FL 32566	<u>Wakulla County</u> Wakulla Agriculture Center 84 Cedar Avenue Crawfordville, FL 32327	<u>Walton County</u> Walton Area Chamber of Commerce 63 S. Centre Trail Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

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. EDT or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA’s website at www.sba.gov. 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.