



DISASTER NEWS

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Announces Labor Day Closing of Business Recovery Centers in Florida

ATLANTA –The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that its Business Recovery Centers in Florida will close on Monday, Sept. 6, in recognition of Labor Day. The Centers will resume normal operations on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

These Business Recovery Centers are established to provide financial assistance to eligible small businesses and private non-profit organizations of all sizes that sustained economic injury as a result of the Deepwater BP Oil Spill.

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

Open Monday-Friday; 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, until further notice

<p><u>Bay County</u> Bay County Fair Grounds 2230 East 15th Street Panama City, FL 32401</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 Dev. Council 406 Marina Drive Port St. Joe, FL 32456</p>	<p><u>Monroe County</u> Florida Keys Community College 5901 College Rd Bldg A Room 127 Key West, FL 33040</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 8543 Navarre Parkway Navarre, FL 32566</p>	<p><u>Wakulla County</u> Wakulla Agricultural Center 84 Cedar Avenue Crawfordville, FL 32327</p>	<p><u>Walton County</u> Walton Area Chamber of Commerce 63 South Centre Trail Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459</p>

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Anyone unable to visit one of the Centers may obtain information and loan applications 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 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.

Those affected by the disaster may apply for disaster loans from 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 Web site at www.sba.gov.