



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes

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SBA Opens New Centers in Florida

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today the opening of additional Centers in Bay, Monroe and Okaloosa counties to assist small businesses affected by the BP Oil Spill. The new Centers are located in the following communities and hours of operation are as indicated:

<p><u>Bay County</u> Small Business Development Center 2500 Minnesota Avenue Lynn Haven, FL 32444 Opens: Mon., Sept. 13 at 8:30 a.m. Open: Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Monroe County</u> Monroe County Emergency Management 490 63rd Street, Suite 150 Marathon, FL 33050 Opens: Tues., Sept. 14 at 8 a.m. Open: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closes: Fri. Sept. 24 at the close of business</p>
<p><u>Monroe County</u> Murray E. Nelson Government & Cultural Center 10250 Overseas Highway MM 102, Bayside, Suite 122 Key Largo, FL 33037 Opens: Tue, Sept. 14 at 8 a.m. Open: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closes: Fri., Sept. 24 at the close of business</p>	<p><u>Okaloosa County</u> Small Business Development Center 922 Mar Walt Drive – Suite 203 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 Opens: Mon, Sept. 13 at 8:30 a.m. Open: Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>

The Centers located at the Bay County Fairgrounds (Bay County) and the Community Center Annex – Senior Center (Okaloosa County) are closing Friday, Sept. 10 at the close of business. However, help is still available at the following locations, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice:

<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 406 Marina Drive Port St. Joe, FL 32456</p>
<p><u>Monroe County</u> Florida Keys Community College 5901 College Rd., Bldg. A, Rm. 127 Key West, FL 33040</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 S. Centre Trail Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459</p>		

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Interest rates are 3 percent for non-profit organizations and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

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 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.