



# DISASTER NEWS

## Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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### SBA to Close the Deepwater BP Oil Spill Centers in Monroe County, Florida

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that due to a steady decrease of activity, the Business Recovery Centers established in Monroe County, Fla., to assist those affected by the Deepwater BP Oil Spill will close Friday, Sept. 24. However, small businesses can still contact SBA’s Customer Service Center at 800- 659- 2955 for information on the low-interest disaster loans.

“I encourage anyone who has not completed their disaster loan application to visit the Centers before they close,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East in Atlanta. After the Centers close, we will still be available to help any business owners requiring assistance with their application or to answer questions, just call us at the Customer Service Center, Skaggs added.

The Centers to close Friday, Sept. 24 are located in the following communities:

#### Monroe County

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closing: Friday, Sept. 24 at the close of business

<p><b>Florida Keys Community College</b> 5901 College Rd., Bldg. A, Room. 127 Key West, FL 33040</p>	<p><b>Monroe County Emergency Management Department</b> 490 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 150 Marathon, FL 33050</p>
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<p><b>Murray E. Nelson Government/Cultural Center</b> 10250 Overseas Highway MM 102 Bayside, Suite 122 Key Largo, FL 33037</p>
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SBA is offering Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) and loan deferment options to small businesses affected by the Deepwater BP Oil Spill. These loans and loan deferments can provide vital financial assistance to help eligible entities overcome the loss of revenue they are experiencing.

Interest rates on these loans 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](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Applications can also be downloaded from the SBA website at [www.sba.gov](http://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](http://www.sba.gov).*