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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in New Orleans to Close

SACRAMENTO – Michael W. Ricks, Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Louisiana District Office, announced today that the SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in New Orleans will close on Friday, May 22 at 5 pm. “SBA will continue to provide one-on-one, personal service to disaster victims at the center until it closes,” Ricks said.

“This center has operated since November 2007 when SBA opened it to supplement other centers assisting disaster victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. After Hurricanes Gustav and Ike hit, SBA transferred the operations of this center to centers opened to assist Gustav and Ike disaster victims. In December 2008, SBA again activated this center to assist disaster victims from all four hurricanes. To date, this center has had 4,511 visits from Louisiana residents and business owners to get help with their recovery efforts,” Ricks continued.

“SBA customer service representatives are available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their applications and close their approved disaster loans,” Ricks added. Residents and business owners can speak with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.

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SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
5800 Canal Boulevard
New Orleans, LA

Mondays through Fridays
8:30 am to 5 pm

Closes on Friday, May 22 at 5 pm

According to Ricks, SBA has approved \$140.9 million in low interest disaster loans to Louisiana homeowners and renters and \$39.1 million to Louisiana businesses and private, non-profit organizations impacted by Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike.

Although the application deadlines to apply for property damage from Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike have passed, small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations may still apply for SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). These loans help meet working capital needs caused by the hurricanes and are available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The application deadline for these working capital loans is June 2 for Hurricane Gustav and June 15 for Hurricane Ike.

SBA disaster loan information and assistance is available from SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or by visiting SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Disaster victims may also apply online using the SBA’s Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

For more information visit SBA’s website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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