



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Open Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Orange County

Sacramento, CA – Manuel R. Gonzalez, District Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Houston District office, announced today that SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) in Bridge City to provide personal service to homeowners, renters and business owners who sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Ike.

SBA will open the DLOC Monday, November 10 at 1 pm. “SBA customer service representatives will be on hand to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, and help each individual complete their application,” Gonzalez said. The center will be open on the days and times below:

ORANGE COUNTY

Bridge City Chamber of Commerce
159 West Round Bunch Road
Near intersection with Hwy 73
Bridge City, TX

Mondays – Fridays, 8 am – 4:30 pm

Until further notice

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business or non-profit suffered any property damage.

“So far, SBA has approved more than \$234 million in low interest disaster loans to Texas residents and businesses hurt by Hurricane Ike,” said Gonzalez.

Individuals and business owners unable to visit SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Center may contact SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955 or by emailing SBA at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339 or visit SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Additionally, disaster victims may now go online to file an SBA application for disaster loan assistance. The Electronic Loan Application (ELA) is accessible via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **December 12, 2008**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 15, 2009**.

For more information visit SBA’s website at <http://www.sba.gov>.
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