



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Houston, La Porte, Orange and Port Arthur Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

SACRAMENTO – Manuel R. Gonzalez, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Houston District Office, announced today that SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in **La Porte, Orange and Port Arthur** will close on **Thursday, April 30 at 5 pm**. The **Houston** Center, at the Universal Shopping Center, will close on **Friday, April 24 at 5:30 pm**.

“Although the deadline to apply for property damage from Hurricane Ike was **February 20, 2009**, small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations affected by Hurricane Ike have until **June 15, 2009** to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). These loans are to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage,” Gonzalez said.

“SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their EIDL application and close their approved disaster loans until then,” he added.

Residents and business owners who suffered damages as a result of Hurricane Ike can speak with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated below until the offices close. No appointment is necessary.

Harris County

Universal Shopping Center
11360 Bellaire Boulevard
Suite 900
(Inside the Vietnamese Civic Center)
Houston, TX

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Closes Friday, April 24 at 5:30 pm

Harris County

San Jacinto College SBDC
Economic Alliance – Houston Port Regional
Bldg.
908 West Main Street
La Porte, TX

Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closes Thursday, April 30 at 5:00 pm

Orange County

Orange County Airport Conference Room
2520 S. Highway 87
Orange, TX

Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Closes Thursday, April 30 at 4:30 pm

Jefferson County

Lamar State College SBDC
1401 Procter Street
Port Arthur, TX

Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closes Thursday, April 30 at 5:00 pm

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SBA customer services representatives will continue to be available until further notice at the following two Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to meet individually with residents and business owners:

Galveston County

McGuire-Dent Recreation Center
2222 28th Street
Galveston, TX

Mondays – Fridays
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Open until further notice

Harris County

Greenspoint Mall
12300 North Freeway, Suite 169
(Across from the food court)
Houston, TX

Mondays – Fridays
9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Open until further notice

According to Gonzalez, SBA has approved \$423.8 million in loans to 8,333 Texas homeowners and renters and \$179.7 million in loans to 1,475 Texas businesses and private, non-profit organizations hurt by Hurricane Ike.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

Applicants may also apply online using the 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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