



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Bridge City

Sacramento, CA – Manuel R. Gonzalez, District Director of the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Houston District office, announced today that SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Center in **Bridge City** will close on **Thursday, January 29 at 4:30 pm.**

“SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their 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 office closes. No appointment is necessary.

ORANGE COUNTY

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

Tuesday – Thursday, 8 am – 4:30 pm

Closes Thursday, January 29 at 4:30 pm

According to Gonzalez, since the President declared the hurricane a disaster, SBA has approved \$401.8 million in loans to 7,811 Texas homeowners and renters and \$131.9 million in loans to 1,226 Texas businesses and private, non-profit organizations hurt by Hurricane Ike.

SBA offers low-interest Federal disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace property damaged or destroyed by the disaster. SBA customer service representatives continue to be available in disaster recovery centers (DRC), SBA disaster loan outreach centers (DLOC), and business assistance centers throughout Texas.

Individuals and business owners may obtain the location of a DRC or SBA DLOC near them by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339 or visit SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Information on SBA programs may also be obtained at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. 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>. Disaster victims should first register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling (800) 621-3362 or visit their web site at www.fema.gov.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **February 6, 2009**. 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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