



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Baytown and Houston 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 **Baytown** and **Houston** will close on **Thursday, March 5** at **5:30 pm**.

“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 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
McNair Center
3411 East Freeway
Baytown, TX

Harris County
3rd Ward Multi Service Center
3611 Ennis Street
Houston, TX

Mondays through Fridays
9 am to 5:30 pm

Closes Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 pm

According to Gonzalez, SBA has approved \$415.7 million in loans to 8,170 Texas homeowners and renters and \$159.9 million in loans to 1,380 Texas businesses and private, non-profit organizations hurt by Hurricane Ike.

The deadline to apply for property damage from Hurricane Ike was **February 20, 2009**. However, 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.

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 Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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