



U.S. Small Business Administration

DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes
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SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Alabama to Close May 28

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announces today that due to a decrease of activity, the Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) located in Geneva, Covington and Houston counties in the State of Alabama will cease operations **Thursday, May 28 at 4:30 p.m.**, at the close of business.

The Small Business Administration urges those affected by the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes that occurred from March 25 through April 3, 2009, to visit the Centers before closing to obtain one-on-one assistance and information about the disaster assistance program.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), also represented at the DLOCs, cease operations at the same time. Until then, individual assistance specialists are available to discuss disaster grant information and mitigation advisors can provide information for eligible mitigation measures for repairing or rebuilding storm-damaged buildings. After the DLOCs close, disaster survivors may call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585.

The Centers are located at:

Geneva County	Covington County	Houston County
Geneva County Courthouse	Covington County EMA Office	Houston County Courthouse
200 North Commerce	300 West Watson	114 North Oates Street
Geneva, AL 36340	Andalusia, AL 36240	Dothan, AL 36303
Open Tuesday-Thursday; 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM	Open Tuesday-Thursday; 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM	Open Tuesday-Thursday; 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

“We urge business owners and residents to quickly complete and return their SBA applications. Business recovery is vital to the recovery of the whole community,” said Brock Long, Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Anyone unable to visit one of the Centers may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (or 1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, (closed in observance of Memorial Day) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Applications may also be downloaded from www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance and returned to one of the Centers or mailed to: U. S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

Additionally, survivors may apply for disaster loans on SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **June 30, 2009**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **February 1, 2010**.

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For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.