



# DISASTER NEWS

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## SBA to Reopen Port Arthur Business Assistance Center

**SACRAMENTO** – Manuel R. Gonzalez, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Houston District Office, announced today that SBA’s Business Assistance Center in **Port Arthur** will reopen on **Tuesday, January 13 at 8 am.**

“SBA customer service representatives will be available at the Business Assistance 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,” he added.

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

### **Jefferson County**

Lamar State College SBDC  
1401 Procter Street  
Port Arthur, TX

Mondays – Fridays  
8 am – 5 pm

“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 at 17 Disaster Recovery Centers, Disaster Loan Outreach Centers and Business Assistance Centers throughout the affected areas. So far, SBA has approved \$500.9 million in Federal low-interest loans to Texas residents and businesses impacted by Hurricane Ike,” said Gonzalez.

Individuals and business owners may obtain the location of a disaster recovery center, disaster loan outreach center or business assistance center by calling toll-free (800) 659-2955. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339 or visit SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Information on SBA programs may also be obtained at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto: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](http://www.fema.gov).

The new, extended filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **February 6, 2009**. The EIDL deadline is **June 15, 2009**.

*For more information visit SBA’s Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).*

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