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Disaster Recovery Centers to Transition to Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in Ascension and Tangipahoa

- WHAT:** Disaster recovery centers in Ascension and Tangipahoa parishes will close Dec. 14 and transition to U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loan outreach centers Dec. 15.
- WHERE:** **Ascension Parish** (disaster loan outreach loan center open until further notice)
Lamar Dixon Expo Center
Gym Building
9039 S. Saint Landry Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
- Tangipahoa Parish** (disaster loan outreach center closes Dec. 21)
Former Parish Tourism Building
42271 Nuccio Lane
Hammond, LA 70403
- WHY:** With communities continuing to repair and rebuild, their need for these disaster recovery centers has diminished, leading to the facilities' closure.
- WHEN:** HOURS: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday through Friday)
- Representatives from the SBA will be available at the disaster loan outreach center to meet with business owners and residents to answer questions, explain SBA's disaster loan program, help complete loan applications and close their approved disaster loans. Business owners and residents can meet with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.
- Applicants for disaster loans may also apply online using the electronic loan application via SBA's secure website at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela

Disaster Recovery Centers in East Baton Rouge Parish to Close

- WHAT:** The East Baton Rouge Parish disaster recovery centers at Celtic Studios and New Hope Outreach Center will close Dec. 15, 2016.
- WHEN:** 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016

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WHERE: **East Baton Rouge Parish**
Celtic Studios
10000 Celtic Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

WHERE: **East Baton Rouge Parish**
New Hope Outreach Center
5925 Greenwell Springs Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

WHY: With the community continuing to repair and rebuild, its need for these disaster recovery centers has diminished, leading to the facilities' closure.

NOTE: Although all disaster recovery centers will be closed by 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration will still be available for folks in need of assistance in recovering from the August floods.

Those who have registered with FEMA simply need to stay in touch with the agency by phoning the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service can call the same helpline. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY should call 800-462-7585.

Guidance and answers to your questions are available online as well at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov>.

The SBA will continue to operate disaster loan outreach centers and business recovery centers until further notice. SBA customer service representatives will continue to answer questions, explain the application process, help small businesses apply for a low-interest economic injury disaster loan and help individuals and business owners close their approved disaster loans. No appointment is necessary.

The number for the SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center is 800-659-2955. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339. For disaster program information visit SBA.gov/disaster.

Disaster Recovery Center in Livingston Parish to Close

WHAT: The Livingston Parish disaster recovery center at North Park Recreation Center in Denham Springs will close Dec. 16, 2016.

WHEN: 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2016

WHERE: **Livingston Parish**
North Park Recreation Center
30372 Eden Church Rd
Denham Springs, LA 70726

WHY: With the community continuing to repair and rebuild, its need for this disaster recovery center has diminished, leading to the facility's closure.

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The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at SBA.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.