Disaster Unemployment Assistance available for victims of Hurricane Isaac

Baton Rouge -- People whose jobs have been lost or interrupted because of the disaster in the parishes eligible for FEMA's individual disaster assistance as a result of Hurricane Isaac also are eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), the Louisiana Workforce Commission announced today. Those parishes are Lafourche, Livingston, Ascension, Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. John the Baptist and St. Tammany.

Those eligible must file DUA applications by the deadline Oct. 2, 2012. Applications submitted later may be denied.

The DUA program, federally funded but administered by the LWC, is now accepting claims and will continue until the end of the 30-day filing period.

The LWC is accepting all unemployment insurance claims at www.laworks.net. People without internet access or who experience trouble filing online can call 1-866-783-5567.

The LWC's Business and Career Solutions Centers have computers available for people to file claims. Center staff also are available to assist job seekers and employers. Centers that closed because of the hurricane will reopen as power, access and other critical services are restored.

LWC mobile units, customized RVs fitted with computers and internet access that serve as rolling service centers, will be sent to high-volume areas to assist citizens with job needs.