

RESOURCES FOR IMPACTED BUSINESSES

AUGUST FLOODING – BEGINNING AUGUST 11, 2016

Regarding August flooding, beginning August 11, 2016 - Parishes currently **designated** in the federal disaster declaration: **Acadia, Ascension, Avoyelles, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Washington and West Feliciana parishes.** Damage assessments are continuing for other parishes. This list will be updated as additional parishes are added.

STEPS TO OBTAINING RESOURCES

REGISTER WITH FEMA

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance (individual and business), victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at **(800) 621-FEMA (3362)** or access online at www.disasterassistance.gov. Businesses who sustained losses in the designated parishes can begin applying for assistance today. Disaster Recovery Centers are open; current locations list found at: www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/LA_14811_Locations.pdf.

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. You can apply for loan assistance at www.disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Business Recovery Centers are open; current locations list found at www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/LA_14811_Locations.pdf.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR APPLYING FOR A SBA DISASTER LOAN

- Contact information for all applicants
- Social security numbers for all applicants
- FEMA registration number
- Deed or lease information
- Insurance information
- Financial information (e.g. income, account balances and monthly expenses)
- Employer Identification Number (EIN) for business applicants

ADDITIONAL SBA INFORMATION

Available by calling the **SBA Customer Service Center** at **(800) 659-2955**.

RESOURCE UPDATES

Continuous resource updates are available on **Louisiana Economic Development's** website at www.opportunitylouisiana.com/flood-recovery-assistance.



KEY LINKS TO IMPORTANT INFORMATION SOURCES

- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)
Real-time road closures: www.511la.org
- Louisiana State Police
225-925-6325 or ***LSP from any cell phone**
- American Red Cross
1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)
www.redcross.org/local/louisiana
- Office of the Governor: Resources for Flood Victims
www.gov.louisiana.gov/news/resources-for-flood-victims
- Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center
www.labeoc.org
- IRS Provides Tax Relief to Louisiana Flood Victims
www.irs.gov
- Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
www.gohsep.la.gov
- Louisiana Small Business Development Center Network
www.lsbdc.org
- Filing Extensions Available for Affected Louisiana Taxpayers
www.revenue.louisiana.gov
- Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors
Contractor license confirmation
www.lslbc.louisiana.gov/contractor-search
- Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
www.dcss.louisiana.gov

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
Hudson Initiative	Provides Louisiana small businesses meeting the criteria of small entrepreneurships with greater access to state procurement and public contract opportunities www.opportunitylouisiana.com/small-business/special-programs-for-small-business/hudson-initiative
Veteran's Initiative	Provides Louisiana small businesses that are at least 51% owned by veterans and/or service-connected disabled veterans with greater access to state procurement and public contract opportunities www.opportunitylouisiana.com/small-business/special-programs-for-small-business/veteran-initiative

BUILDING BUSINESS CAPACITY

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute	Structured as a partnership between Louisiana Economic Development, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and the Louisiana State Contractors Licensing Board, the institute offers small and emerging construction businesses critical information about construction management and how to prepare for the General Contractors State Licensing Exam www.opportunitylouisiana.com/small-business/special-programs-for-small-business/louisiana-contractors-accreditation-institute
Small Business Bonding Assistance Program	Aids certified small and emerging businesses who have never been bonded or who are increasing bonding capacity in order to fund specific projects. When a qualified business requires quality bid, performance, or payment bonds from surety companies at reasonable rates, this program helps businesses to reach the bonding capacity required www.opportunitylouisiana.com/small-business/special-programs-for-small-business/bonding-assistance-program

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