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OKTIBBEHA COUNTY DISASTER LOAN CENTER TO OPEN NEXT TUESDAY

Pearl – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency announces a change in the dates of operation for the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Oktibbeha County. The center will begin accepting applications for low-interest loans Tuesday, Dec. 14 through Friday, Dec. 17. The center will close next weekend and will reopen Monday, Dec. 21 and 22.

The Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Monroe County will open as scheduled this Friday, closing for the weekend and reopening Monday, Dec. 13 through the Thursday, Dec. 16. The centers will operate at the following locations:

- Monroe County- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Becker Community Center
52245 MS Highway 25 S.
Amory
- Oktibbeha County- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Courthouse Annex Building
Courtroom B
108 W. Main Street
Starkville

Applicants who sustained damages from the Nov. 29 and 30 storms in Monroe and Oktibbeha counties are eligible for assistance. Residents in the nine contiguous counties of Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lee, Lowndes, Noxubee, Webster and Winston are also eligible to apply for. Applicants will be able to apply through the toll free number from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 800-659-2955 or 800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired, or by visiting SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov.

Applicants have until Feb. 7 to submit loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration Processing and Disbursement Center at 14925 Kingsport Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

SBA assists homeowners, renters, nonprofit organizations and businesses. Rates on SBA disaster loans will be as low as 2.25 percent for homeowners and renters, 3 percent for nonprofits and 4 percent for businesses. Residents and businesses do not have to wait until insurance claims are settled to apply.

SBA offers disaster loans up to \$200,000 to repair disaster damaged primary residences and up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged personal property such as furniture and clothing. Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

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