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### STORM DAMAGED COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR SBA DISASTER LOANS

**Pearl** – Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack announced today a disaster declaration by the U.S. Small Business Administration for Monroe and Oktibbeha counties and nine contiguous counties of Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lee, Lowndes, Noxubee, Webster and Winston, affected by the severe storms and tornadoes on Nov. 29 and 30.

SBA will open a disaster outreach loan center for residents in the eligible counties at the following location:

- Monroe County- Becker Community Center  
52245 MS Highway 25 S.  
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The Disaster Loan Outreach Center will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday. It will be closed through the weekend, reopening Monday through Thursday. Residents will also 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](http://www.sba.gov).

An additional Disaster Loan Outreach Center will open soon in Oktibbeha County. The hours of operation, dates and location will be announced as soon as a location is found.

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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