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Disaster Field Operations Center East

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SBA Temporarily Closing Escambia County Business Recovery Center Oct. 31-Nov. 4

ATLANTA - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced it is temporarily closing the Business Recovery Center located in the East Pensacola Heights Clubhouse in Pensacola. The Center will be closed for SBA disaster assistance at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, and will reopen to resume its regular operations at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5. The facility will be used as a polling place for the election.

Businesses needing face-to face assistance can visit SBA's Business Recovery Center at the Bridgeway Center, 205 Shell Ave., in Fort Walton Beach.

In accordance with precautions for COVID-19, the SBA established protocols to help protect the health and safety of the public. Visitors to the BRCs are encouraged to wear a face mask. The Centers are located as indicated below and will operate until further notice.

Okaloosa County Business Recovery Center

Bridgeway Center Building C 205 Shell Ave. Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Hours: Sunday-Saturday (7 days a week)

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (CST)

Escambia County Business Recovery Center

East Pensacola Heights Clubhouse 3208 East Gonzalez St. Pensacola, FL 32503

Hours: Sunday-Saturday (7 days a week)

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (CST)

Closed: Friday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. - Wed., Nov. 4

Reopens: Thursday, Nov. 5 at 8 a.m.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at https://DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/.

Additional details on the Business Recovery Center, requests for loan applications and information on the loan application process can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to FOCE-Help@sba.gov.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Dec. 1, 2020**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **July 2, 2021**.

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