



Alabama Small Business Development Center Network

Strengthening Alabama's Economy, One Small Business at a Time.

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DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Affected business owners in designated counties should apply for assistance by calling FEMA's toll-free registration number, 800.621.3362. The hearing or speech impaired can use the TTY line at 800.462.7585. The registration lines are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., local time. An application may also be completed online: www.disasterassistance.gov (This is a one stop web portal that consolidates information from 17 US Government Agencies where taxpayers can apply for Small Business Administration loans through online applications, receive referral information on forms of assistance that do not have online applications, or check the progress and status of their applications online.)

SBA: U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Operations – East

SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills issued the following statement after the announcement of the Presidential disaster declaration for several counties in Alabama that were affected by the severe storms, tornadoes, high winds and flooding: “The U.S. Small Business Administration is strongly committed to providing the people of Alabama with the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist homeowners, renters, and businesses with federal disaster loans. Getting businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA.” <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

For more information on SBA disaster loans, please contact a counselor at the Alabama SBDC Network (205-348-1582), or call the SBA service center at 800-659-2955.

IRS: Internal Revenue Service

You may deduct the loss or partial loss of your home, household goods, and motor vehicles from disaster damage on your individual federal income tax return. Disaster Losses Kit for Businesses:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p2194b.pdf>

USDA – Rural Development

In areas affected by natural disasters, USDA Rural Development can help *existing Rural Development borrowers* who are victims of a disaster. <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/disasters/disassistance.html>

FSA: Farm Service Agency

The Farm Service Agency provides assistance for natural disaster losses, resulting from drought, flood, fire, freeze, tornadoes, pest infestation, and other calamities. (Crops, farm-raised fish, honeybees, forest-land-owners, livestock, etc). <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>