

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Federal Disaster Loans for Businesses, Private Nonprofits, Homeowners and Renters

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Texas Resource Partners

Offer the Following Services to Help Businesses Recover from the Effects of Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding

Texas Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)

SBDCs are providing the following services to help small businesses impacted by the disaster (no charge for any services):

- Counseling for financial, accounting, marketing and other post-disaster challenges
- Management and technical assistance
- Business planning to help business owners re-establish their operations and plan for their future
- Help in reconstructing damaged or destroyed business records
- Assistance with updating or rewriting business plans
- Assistance with accessing government contracts and procurement related to the disaster

Contact the SBDC listed below or visit their website at www.lamarbmt.sbdcnetwork.net.

Lamar University SBDC

Galloway Building, Room 106 4400 S. MLK Jr. Parkway Beaumont, TX 77710 (409) 880-2367

Veterans Business Outreach Center

Through a cooperative agreement, SBA has 15 organizations participating as Veterans Business Outreach Centers designed to provide entrepreneurial development, business training, counseling, and mentoring for eligible veterans who own or are starting a small business.

Contact the Veteran Business Outreach Center below or visit their website at http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/ce_home/bdi_home/vboc_2012_home.

<u>University of Texas-Pan American Business Development & Innovation Group</u>

1407 East Freddy Gonzalez, Suite 1.200 Edinburgh, TX 78539 (956) 665-7535

SCORE - Helping America's Small Businesses

SCORE has experts in virtually every area of business management to mentor small businesses. Mentors are available to help small businesses with their disaster recovery (no charge for individual and team counseling). Services include:

- Free online disaster preparedness/recovery resources for small business at www.score.org/disaster-preparedness-recovery
- Matching volunteer business-management mentors with clients in need of expert advice
- In-depth counseling and training with small business owners and managers
- Help to identify business problems, determine the causes and find solutions
- Maintaining a confidential and personal relationship

Contact the SCORE Chapter listed below or visit the SCORE website at <u>www.score.org</u>.

Houston SCORE

8701 South Gessner, Suite 1200 Houston, TX 77074 (713) 773-6565

Women's Business Center - (WBC)

WBCs provide technical training and counseling to women and others who are currently in business or thinking about starting a business. Assistance is targeted to meet specific needs whether a beginner or seasoned entrepreneur.

Contact a WBC listed below.

Women's Business Enterprise Alliance

9800 Northwest Freeway, Suite 120 Houston, TX 77018 (713) 681-9232

Women's Business Center BiGAUSTIN

5407 N IH35, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78702 (512) 928-8010 info@bigaustin.org http://bigaustin.org/wbc/