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NEW JERSEY DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO TRANSITION TO SBA LOAN OUTREACH CENTERS SATURDAY

TRENTON, N.J.—The remaining four New Jersey FEMA-State disaster recovery centers will transition Saturday, May 4 and reopen as Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Outreach Centers Monday, May 6.

The DRCs transitioning are the Brick Township Civic Center in Brick, the Bell Crest Plaza Store Front 4C in Toms River, the Union Beach Municipal Building in Union Beach and the DRC adjacent to the Hamilton Mall in Mays Landing.

State and federal officials have been paying close attention to how many applicants are visiting disaster recovery centers throughout the state. Over the past weeks, the number of individuals seeking help at the centers has dropped, indicating the information needs of survivors in the area have mostly been met.

Survivors can locate the address of their nearest center by going to <u>FEMA.gov/DRC</u> or calling **800-621-3362.**

SBA representatives at the DLOCs will provide homeowners, renters, business owners and nonprofit organizations with face-to-face service in answering questions about SBA's low-interest disaster loan programs, completing loan applications, checking the status of applications and closing on SBA loans.

The SBA outreach centers will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

Survivors are reminded that May 1, 2013 is the last day to register for federal disaster assistance with FEMA.

Survivors can register online and check on the status of their applications at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, via smartphone or tablet at <u>m.fema.gov</u>. They also can call **800-621-3362** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can call **800-621-3362**.

For more information about the SBA, call the SBA Customer Service Center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (EDT) Monday through Friday, at **1-800-659-2955**. Survivors may apply online at <u>disasterloan.sba.gov/ela</u>. Applicants also may visit the SBA Web site at <u>sba.gov/services/disasterassistance</u> or email <u>disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</u>.

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