SBA TO CLOSE DISASTER ASSISTANCE OFFICES
IN CITRUS AND PASCO COUNTIES ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

TAMPA, FL – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will close its remaining two disaster assistance offices in Citrus and Pasco counties on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 5:00 p.m., according to SBA Disaster Area Director Michael C. Allen.

The temporary offices located in the Citrus County Government Building, 3600 West Sovereign Path in Lecanto and at the Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Rd. in Hudson were established to assist individuals and business owners that were affected by the heavy rains and flooding that occurred June 19 through August 21. “We keep our offices open as long as there appears to be a need for SBA to be there. We’ve seen very few people at this location over the past few days. That tells us we’ve probably met the needs of those in the area that were interested in this assistance,” Allen said.

“If you had any damage from the severe weather over the summer, I hope you’ll come in to one of the centers and personally meet with an SBA loan officer. Our loan officers will be glad to answer any questions about the disaster loan program, give you an application, and provide any extra help you may need or want with completing your application.” Allen added.

Storm victims that sustained physical damage in the declared counties of Citrus, Manatee and Pasco and the contiguous counties of De Soto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Levy, Marion, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter in the State of Florida are eligible to apply for these SBA disaster loans.

“I also want to express my thanks to Citrus County and the Veterans Memorial Park for providing space for our workshops. The many courtesies extended to our staff have been greatly appreciated,” Allen said.

After these disaster offices close, applications and program information will still be available by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-359-2227.

Physical damage disaster loan applications will not be accepted after the Oct. 27 deadline.

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Information about the disaster program is available on SBA’s homepage at www.sba.gov/disaster