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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TO CLOSE *Help Just a Telephone Call Away*

ATLANTA – A Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (Mobile DRC) operated by the State of Georgia and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) located at the Berrien County Emergency Management Agency is closing at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14. The specially-outfitted RV is parked at 1018 Exum Street in Nashville.

After that date, anyone who needs to apply for assistance, ask questions or check on the status of an application will find help as close as the telephone by dialing FEMA's Helpline at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are available seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until further notice. Help in all languages is available.

People can also register online by visiting www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling the Helpline.

When registering, applicants should have the following information readily available:

- Current and pre-disaster address;
- Current telephone numbers;
- Social Security number, if available;
- Insurance coverage, policy number(s) and agent's name if possible.

Registration takes about 20 minutes and an application number is assigned.

Once an individual has registered, FEMA disaster recovery specialists can review information needed to process the application. Recovery specialists can supply contacts for other programs that may be able to help an applicant.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) representatives will be on hand at the Mobile DRC in Nashville to meet with individuals and business owners to answer questions about the SBA's low-interest disaster loan program. Homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations of all sizes may apply for loans to repair or replace real estate and/or personal property damaged by the late March and early April storms and flooding.

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Applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to the SBA to be considered for low-interest loans and FEMA grants that cover personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

Representatives will help complete and accept SBA disaster loan applications. Anyone not able to go to a DRC may obtain help by calling the SBA Customer Service Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at 800-659-2955. Information and assistance are also available by visiting the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance or sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Those with disaster-related damage can also apply for low-interest loans at SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation, to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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