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SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Northeast Texans after Tornadoes

(New Boston) Rep. Gary VanDeaver is pleased to share information and contacts in response to yesterday's decision by the US Small Business Administration (SBA) to offer disaster assistance to Northeast Texas businesses and residents affected by the severe tornadoes that struck the area two weeks ago. The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Red River, Titus and Upshur counties in Texas; and Bryan and Choctaw counties in Oklahoma.

On Monday, November 21, regional centers will begin operating to help businesses and homeowners apply for needed assistance to help rebuild and restart their lives. Rep. VanDeaver said:

"I am so thankful to all of the state and local first responders who immediately arrived on the scene to look for the hurt and injured to get them needed medical help as quickly as possible. Just as quickly, first responders were also there helping dig through the debris assisting homeowners and business owners assessing the damages to get ready to rebuild and open again for business.

"Governor Greg Abbott also deserves a big thank you for having emergency responders and state agencies deployed to our area even before the storms arrived. Responding to these disasters is an "all hands on deck" effort and now that the SBA has granted the governor's request for a disaster declaration even more resources will be available to help with the cleanup and rebuilding. These resources will be invaluable to everyone affected."

SBA customer service personnel will be available at these centers to answer questions and explain the application process. No appointment is necessary, and the centers will be open in locations at the times indicated below except they will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2022:

Bowie County - Disaster Loan Outreach Center, New Boston Community Center, 201 NE Front Street, New Boston 75570; M-F 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Cass County - Disaster Loan Outreach Center, Hughes Spring Community Center, 902 E. First Street, Hughes Springs 75656; M-F 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Lamar County - Disaster Loan Outreach Center, Red Cross Building, 2673 N. Main Street, Paris 75460; M - F 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Morris County - Disaster Loan Outreach Center. Morris County Courthouse Annex, 502 Union Street, Daingerfield 75638; M-F 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

People can also apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. Applicants can call the Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Mail completed applications to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. Applications for property damage are due January 17, 2023; and applications for economic injury are due August 16, 2023.

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