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NEWSLETTER

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Special edition on the Small Business Disaster Bridge Loan  
October 2005 Edition  
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1. Welcome From The Director

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The deadline for filing for the SBA Physical Damage Disaster Loan has been extended from October 28, 2005 to January 11, 2006. At this time the deadline for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan is still May 29, 2005. The Mississippi Small Business Development Center Network is available throughout South Mississippi to assist with the Business Applications. Call our office at (601)477-4235 or 1-800-7527252 for locations of the MSBDC Disaster Centers. Also, you can get assistance for both the Business Application and the Individual Application from Small Business Administration representatives at the FEMA Disaster Centers.

The State of Mississippi has made available a short-term loan to provide temporary working capital to viable, established small businesses in counties designated by the Mississippi Development Authority that have suffered physical damage as a result of Hurricane Katrina. The loan is meant to help bridge the time until insurance claims are paid or other disaster relief funds

or financial assistance is acquired. Below is some information on the loan program.

For more information contact me at 601-477-4235 or go to [www.mississippi.org](http://www.mississippi.org).

On another note, Ken Dupre' has taken a new position with Jones Junior College as the director of the Adult Basic Education Program. We will most certainly miss Ken here at the JCJC Small Business Development Center. I would like to thank him for all he has done for our program and wish him the best of luck in his new position.

Until next time....

---Greg Butler

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2. Mississippi Small Business Disaster Bridge Loan Program  
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**Purpose:** A **short-term** loan to provide temporary working capital to viable, established small businesses in counties designated by the Mississippi Development Authority that have suffered **physical damage** as a result of Hurricane Katrina, and that, as a result of this event are experiencing difficulty surviving or continuing business operations. The loan is meant to help bridge the time until insurance claims are paid or other disaster relief funds or financial assistance is acquired.

**Amount:** The minimum loan will be \$1,000, the maximum \$25,000.

**Term:** 90 or 180 days. The term will be based on individual business circumstances. Prior to maturity and at its discretion, the lending institution may request that MDA authorize a one-time, penalty-free extension of 90 or 180 days.

**Interest:** Loans will be interest-free (0% interest) for the period established for each individual loan.

**Eligibility:** Those eligible to apply for loans under the program will include Mississippi residents with majority ownership of small businesses, or Mississippi non-profit corporations controlled by Mississippi residents:

- a. Established in Hurricane Katrina designated Mississippi counties\* prior to August 29, 2004.
- b. With between two and 100 employees.
- c. With needs directly related to the physical impact of the storm.
- d. Which will restart or maintain business in the same county.

**Loan Recipient:** Loans will be made to individuals who are at least 51% owners of the business and are Mississippi residents; or to Mississippi non-profit corporations controlled by Mississippi residents. Only one loan per individual, and/or per business will be available.

**Application Process:**

1. Obtain an application at a participating financial institution, MDA Business Assistance Center, or on MDA's web site at [www.mississippi.org](http://www.mississippi.org).
2. Fill out the application and gather the following materials:
  - An itemized list (with photos if possible) of physical storm losses, with an estimate of the repair or replacement cost for each item;
  - Personal and Business Tax Identification Numbers;
  - Evidence the small business has operated for more than one year;
  - Evidence of the number of employees working prior to Hurricane Katrina;
  - Driver's license;
  - Insurance company name and policy number, as well as the name and telephone number of an agent/claims adjuster; and
  - FEMA Case and SBA Loan Application Numbers.
  - If records were destroyed in the storm, each situation will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

3. Bring the application and financial records to a participating financial institution for review with a loan officer. (Participating financial institutions will be listed at [www.mississippi.org](http://www.mississippi.org).)
4. The loan officer will forward the application to a local loan committee for review.

**Use of Proceeds and Dedicated Sources of Repayment:**

Borrower will be required to sign agreements that provide the following;

- a. Proceeds of this loan will be used only for purposes of maintaining or restarting the business in the designated area, and
- b. Loans to be repaid from insurance proceeds or proceeds of other financing obtained in connection with the effects of the storm will require assignment of such proceeds.

Applications under this program will be accepted through November 18, 2005, contingent on the availability of funds.

\*By law, MDA must assess small business loan damage and then designate counties eligible to participate in the bridge loan program. MDA will open the program initially to small businesses in the 11 Federal Emergency Declaration counties. These counties are Covington, Forrest, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, and Stone Counties. As funds allow and damage assessments warrant, the program may be extended to other impacted counties.

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3. Quote of the Month

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"Every flower must grow through dirt."

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4. Workshop Schedule

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SO YOU WANT TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

- Greg Butler, Presenter

Cost: FREE

Monday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
(JCJC Campus, Forestry and Life Science Building, Room 206)

11/14

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
(Lake Terrace Convention Center, Executive Conference Room)

11/1  
12/6

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
(JCJC Campus, Forestry and Life Science Building, Room 206)

11/8  
12/13

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
(Lake Terrace Convention Center, Executive Conference Room)

10/25  
11/22

**SERVSAFE CERTIFICATION TRAINING**  
(JCJC Campus, Community Services Building)  
-Kathy St. Amant, Presenter  
Cost: \$125.00

October 25 – 27  
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

November 16 – 18  
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

December 13 – 15  
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

To register for any of these workshops, please call us at (601) 477-4235 or e-mail us at [sbdc@jcjc.edu](mailto:sbdc@jcjc.edu).

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