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Loans for Businesses of All Sizes, Homeowners and Renters SBA Disaster Assistance – Field Operations Center- East – 101 Marietta Street, NW, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30303

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SBA Opens Business Recovery Center in Florida

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the opening of a Business Recovery Center (BRC) in Hillsborough County on Oct. 3, to help businesses impacted by Hurricane Hermine that occurred on Aug. 31 - Sept. 11, 2016.

SBA representatives at the Center can provide information about disaster loans, answer questions and provide help in completing the SBA application. The Center is located as indicated below and will operate until further notice:

Hillsborough County

World Trade Center Tampa Bay FSBDC at University of South Florida (USF) <u>1101Channelside Dr., # 201</u> Tampa, FL 33602

Opening: Monday, Oct. 3 Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"The SBA is committed to facilitating economic recovery in this disaster. We want area businesses to have a resource where they can meet individually with SBA representatives and find out how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

The SBA offers low-interest, long-term disaster loans for physical damage and working capital. To be considered for this assistance, survivors need to apply by the deadline.

Additional information on the disaster loan program may be obtained by calling SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to <u>disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</u>. Loan applications can be downloaded from <u>www.sba.gov</u>. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <u>https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela</u>.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is <u>Nov. 28, 2016</u>. The deadline to return economic injury applications is <u>June 28, 2017</u>.