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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTER FOR L.A. COUNTY WINDSTORM RESIDENTS, RENTERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS SET TO CLOSE ON FRI., JAN. 20

***L.A. County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management to deactivate 211 LA
County Disaster Hotline in concert with closure of SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center***

LOS ANGELES (Fri., Jan. 20, 2012) – The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center located at the City of Pasadena Fire Headquarters (199 S. Los Robles Ave., Suite 550 Pasadena 91101) will close at 5:30 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 20.

The SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Pasadena has been opened from Dec. 19-23, 2011 and Jan. 9-20, 2012. An OEM representative has been on site providing County departments and State recovery information to the residents, renters and business owners as well as serving as a point of contact for the L.A. County Operational Area (comprised of 88 cities, 137 unincorporated areas and more than 200 special districts) and its partners during the Center's operations hours. SBA has approved 23 applications for a total of \$535,000 for the L.A. County residents, renters and business owners to this point.

Disaster loan information and application forms continue to be available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling 1-800-659-2955, e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or by visiting www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Individuals with hearing needs may call 800-877-8339. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is Feb. 17, 2012. The deadline to return economic injury applications is Sept. 19, 2012.

OEM will deactivate 211 LA County Disaster Hotline in concert with the closure of the SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Pasadena. However, residents and business owners, including persons with disabilities, access and functional needs may continue to call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting <http://211la.org>.

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