SACRAMENTO, Calif. – District Director Michael Ricks of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Louisiana District Office announced today that SBA will close its Business Recovery Center in Baker at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13.

“SBA opened the Business Recovery Center to provide personalized assistance to Louisiana businesses that were affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred Aug 11-31, 2016. Until the center closes, SBA representatives will continue to meet with business owners to answer their questions, help each business owner apply to SBA for an economic injury disaster loan and close their approved disaster loans,” Ricks said.

“Representatives from SBA and Louisiana Small Business Development Center consultants are available to continue to provide information on SBA disaster loans and counseling on a wide variety of matters designed to help small business owners re-establish their operations, overcome the effects of the disaster and plan for their future. Services include assessing business economic injury, evaluating the business’s strength, cash flow projections and most importantly, a review of all options to ensure each business makes decisions that are appropriate for its situation,” Ricks continued.

According to Ricks, SBA has approved disaster loans for more than $1.2 billion to help Louisiana businesses and residents recover from this disaster, $146.6 million for businesses and $1.06 billion for residents.

Business owners can meet with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated until the center closes. No appointment is necessary.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
Business Recovery Center
Baker Workforce Development Center
3262 Baker Boulevard
Baker, LA 70714
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Center closes at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13

In addition, SBA representatives are still available at three Business Recovery Centers around SBA District Loan Outreach Centers and in SBA’s district office.