

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

U.S. Small Business Administration's Texas Resource Partners

Offer the Following Services to Help Businesses Recover from the Effects of the Petrochemical Plant Explosion

Texas Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)

SBDCs are providing the following services to help small businesses impacted by the disaster (no charge for any services):

- Counseling for financial, accounting, marketing and other post-disaster challenges
- Management and technical assistance
- Business planning to help business owners re-establish their operations and plan for their future
- Help in reconstructing damaged or destroyed business records
- Assistance with updating or rewriting business plans

Contact an SBDC below or visit their website at www.sbdc.uh.edu/sbdc/default.asp.

SBDC LOCATIONS

Lamar University SBDC 5091 Rolfe Christopher Drive Beaumont, TX 77705 (409) 880-2367 Port Arthur SBDC at Lamar College 1401 Procter St. Port Arthur, TX 77641 (409) 984-6531

Veterans Business Outreach Centers (VBOCs)

Through a cooperative agreement, SBA has 22 organizations participating as Veterans Business Outreach Centers designed to provide entrepreneurial development, business training, counseling, and mentoring for eligible veterans who own or are starting a small business.

Contact the Veterans Business Outreach Center below or visit their website.

VBOC LOCATION

Veterans Business Outreach Center University of Texas Rio Grande Valley CESS Building, Suite 1.200 1407 E. Freddy Gonzalez Drive Edinburg, TX 78539 (956) 655-8931 vboc@utrgv.edu

SCORE - Helping America's Small Businesses

SCORE has experts in virtually every area of business management to mentor small businesses. Mentors are available to help small businesses with their disaster recovery (no charge for individual and team counseling). Services include:

- Free online disaster preparedness/recovery resources for small business at www.score.org/disaster-preparedness-recovery
- Matching volunteer business-management mentors with clients in need of expert advice
- In-depth counseling and training with small business owners and managers
- Help to identify business problems, determine the causes and find solutions
- Maintaining a confidential and personal relationship

Contact the SCORE Chapter below or visit the SCORE website at https://www.score.org/.

SCORE LOCATION

SCORE Houston 8701 S. Gessner Drive, Suite 1200 Houston, TX 77074 (713) 487-6565 www.houston.score.org/

Women's Business Centers (WBCs)

WBCs provide technical training and counseling to women and others who are currently in business or thinking about starting a business. Assistance is targeted to meet specific needs whether a beginner or seasoned entrepreneur.

Contact the WBC below or visit the Association of Women's Business Centers website at https://www.awbc.org/.

WBC LOCATION

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