



# Press Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### FSBDC Network to Participate in Economic Injury and Disaster Loan Workshops Coordinated by OTTED and Enterprise Florida and Offered by the SBA

**Pensacola, FL:** On November 6-8, 2001, the Florida Small Business Development Center Network will participate in six regional workshops aimed at educating Florida businesses on the eligibility requirements for SBA Economic Injury and Disaster Loans (EIDL). On behalf of the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED), Enterprise Florida is coordinating the workshops to be offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration for those businesses significantly impacted by the terrorists' attacks of September 11.

SBA representatives from Washington and Atlanta will be conducting the workshops in Jacksonville, Panama City, Miami, West Palm Beach, Orlando, and Tampa. Regional SBA representatives will also be present, as well as regional representatives of the Small Business Development Centers located at the University of North Florida, Gulf Coast Community College, Florida Atlantic University, University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida. FSBDC Certified Business Analysts have the professional experience to assist small business owners with the processing of disaster loans and documentation.

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#### WORKSHOP LOCATIONS AND TIMES

##### Tuesday, November 6, 2001

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Jacksonville**

Location: Small Business Center – 5000-3 Norwood Avenue

POC: Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Bob Baldwin, 904-366-6653

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. **Panama City**

Location: Gulf Coast Community College, Student Union Conference Ctr.

POC: Florida's Great Northwest, Andrea Moore, 850-819-1903

##### Wednesday, November 7, 2001

9:00 a.m. – Noon **Miami**

Location: Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus

300 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Chapman Center, Room 3210

POC: Beacon Council, Carlos Leonard, 305-579-1300

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Lake Worth**

Location: Palm Beach Community College, Central Campus

POC: Business Development Board of Palm Beach County

Kelly Smallridge, 561-835-1008

##### Thursday, November 8, 2001

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Orlando**

Location: Marriott Downtown - 400 W. Livingston Street

POC: Small Business Development Center, Al Polfer, 407-823-5554

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Tampa**

Location: Hillsborough Community College, Ybor Campus

POC: Tampa Bay Partnership, Elisa DeGregoria, 813-878-2208

Attached is a **Fact Sheet About the U.S. SBA September 11 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program** that outlines the eligibility requirements.

*The FSBDC Network is a partnership program of the U.S. SBA. As the largest and most successful business assistance program in Florida, the Network features 21 college and university-based centers strategically located throughout the state, with additional outreach provided at resource partner locations, including economic development councils, chambers of commerce and banks. Through the Network and its professionally trained Certified Business Analysts, existing small business owners and prospective entrepreneurs have access to free and confidential, one-on-one counseling on virtually any area of business management, as well as educational training events and information resources.*

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