

GULF OIL SPILL UPDATES JUNE 23, 2010:

“New” June: Governor launches **Florida Gulf Recovery Jobs Web site**. Currently listing **3,500 open** positions for oil spill recovery: www.floridagulfrecoveryjobs.com

“New” June 18th: Governor released an extension, **to August 28, 2010**, for the declaration of **emergency in 26 counties**.

“New” June 16th: **President Obama** met with **BP** and agreed on the creation of an **Independent Claims Facility Fund (ICF) of \$20 billion** to be administered by **Ken Feinberg**:

<http://www.bp.com/genericarticle.do?categoryId=2012968&contentId=7062966>

“New” June: **Dun & Bradstreet** released a **Preliminary Business Impact Analysis** of the Gulf Oil Spill. Click [here](#) for the full report. Contact: Barbara Robinson **703.807.5726**

“New” June: **Florida’s Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program** activated for the **26 counties** designated as state of emergency.

- **\$5MM** allocated from General Revenue
- Administered by **Florida First Capital Finance Corp (FFCFC)**: 850.681.3328
Email: lynn@ffcfc.com
- Local coordination handled by the **Small Business Development Centers**:
Statewide Toll Free: 866.737.7232
- **Web site for forms/eligibility:** www.floridaoilhelp.com

Eligibility Requirements:

- Available to businesses in the **26** affected Counties.
- Evidence of (a) receipt of a claim payment from BP, or (b) submission of a completed BP claim.
- Businesses with **less than 100 employees and minimum of two employees**.
- Businesses in operation **one year before April 20, 2010 Oil Spill**.
- **Maximum** interest-free loan up to **\$25,000** with 12 month maturity date.
- Businesses that have **not** fully paid previous Small Business Emergency Bridge loans are **not** eligible.

Application Process:

- **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and local Economic Development Organization** will form loan review committees of **5 members**.
- **Banks/SBDC centers** accept applications.
- **Loan Committee** reviews applications daily/weekly.
- **Applications FEDEX’ed overnight to FFCFC**.
- **Process time** for committee review/FFCFC to cut checks: **72 hours**.

“Reminder”: Florida BP Claims: **Hotline: 800.440.0858**

- **June 15th:** BP Press Release: Accelerating payments of **commercial large loss claims**.
- **BP Claims** available for **all Counties/Businesses** in Florida.
- **BP general monthly payout: \$5,000** (adjustable for commercial large loss claims).
- **BP issuing monthly payout checks** to businesses who submit claims.

“Reminder”: SBA Loans: **Hotline: 800.659.2955**

- **SBA loans available to the follow counties** (additional Counties included besides the 26 designated emergency Counties): Bay, Citrus, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Levy, Manatee, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Taylor and Walton. Alachua, Calhoun, Charlotte, Desoto, Gilchrist, Hardee, Holmes, Jackson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Polk, Sumter, Wakulla and Washington
- SBA Loans **over \$5,000** require collateral
- Rates **as low as 4%** with 30 year terms

GULF OIL SPILL GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The **Governor designated 26 Counties** as state of emergency: **Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Monroe, Dade, Broward and Palm Beach.**
- **June 8th:** **BP Awards Florida** an additional **\$25MM**, to cover state and local costs of preparedness efforts.
- **June 4th:** **Governor requests \$100MM**, from President of BP America, to cover the costs of the time sensitive response to threats from the oil spill to Florida’s seabed, water column, surface and shoreline. The funds would support the efforts of the **Florida Institute of Oceanography**, a partnership of 21 universities and other marine science organizations throughout Florida.
- **June 3rd:** **Governor** requests an **additional \$50MM**, from President of BP America, to cover state and local costs of preparedness efforts.
- **May 30th:** **Governor signed MOU’s with eight Northwest Florida counties** totaling \$4.4MM for local tourism marketing efforts.
- **US Dept of Commerce** approves **Florida’s Fishery Resource Disaster**
- **BP provided a \$100,000 grant** through an MOU with **Florida Foundation** (formerly Volunteer Florida) to maintain a database for the regulation of volunteers.

- **Fraudulent Claims and Scams:** Report individuals claiming to be BP employees offering training/job placement for a fee or fraudulent claims to: **1.877.359.6281**
- **June 1st:** Governor Crist announced a new **Visit Florida 90-day marketing campaign** to reach nearly **500 million** consumers.
- **Vendors** must submit a **Technology Evaluation Sheet** if they have alternate approaches to the oil spill. Email: esf10dep@dep.state.fl.us
- **Gulf Oil Spill BP Hotline** for business claims: **800.440.0858** Web site: <https://www.bp.com/secure/iframe.do?categoryId=9033722&contentId=7062138>
- **SBA Loans** for Florida businesses: **Service line: 800.659.2955** <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> Email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov
- **Florida Gulf Oil Spill** Information line: **888.337.3569** Web site: www.deepwaterhorizonflorida.com
- **May 20th:** Lee, Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach added to Executive Order as state of emergency.
- **May 17th:** BP agrees to provide **\$25MM** to Visit Florida for marketing Florida.
- **May 12th:** Governor created **Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Taskforce**.
- **May 6th:** Governor requested **\$50MM National Emergency Grant** from US Dept of Labor.
- **May 4th:** BP awarded Florida **\$25MM** for State and County costs.



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