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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN FRIDAY IN WEBB, CAMERON, VAL VERDE COUNTIES

LAREDO, Texas – The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announce the opening of three Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) Friday in Webb, Cameron and Val Verde Counties for those affected by Hurricane Alex beginning on June 30, 2010, and subsequent flooding.

The fixed DRC in Webb County is located:

City of Laredo Service Center
5512 Thomas Ave.
Laredo, TX 78041

Hours are 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday until further notice.

Two mobile DRCs will be open Friday from noon until 7 p.m. in Cameron and Val Verde Counties. Hours are 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday and Monday and 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday.

Mobile DRC in Cameron County is located:

Park Centro Cultural Center
2100 Gregory Ave.
Brownsville, TX 78526

Mobile DRC in Val Verde County is located:

Vega Verde Community Center
200 Leonel Martinez Blvd.
Del Rio, TX 78840

Disaster survivors are encouraged to register for assistance first by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585** for the hearing- or speech-impaired. Tele-registration hours are 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week. Those affected by the hurricane can also register online at www.disasterassistance.gov or visit a DRC to meet face-to-face with recovery specialists.

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Registering before visiting a DRC will shorten your time spent at the center. Visiting a DRC is not required to be considered for assistance.

Representatives of the state, federal and voluntary agencies, as well as customer service representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), will be available at the center to answer questions and provide disaster loan information to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes. Written materials about various assistance programs are also available to individuals and business owners. **No cash, checks, debit cards or vouchers are distributed at DRCs.** Centers are for the dissemination of information to assist in victim recovery.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.