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Attention: Businesses Impacted by Hermine
~~ Business Damage Assessment Survey available ~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The State of Florida is gathering information from businesses that may have had damage caused by Hurricane Hermine. The Business Damage Assessment Survey is available at: <http://flvbeoc.org/index.php?action=bda>.

Pasco County encourages business owners to complete the survey, and to share the [Business Damage Assessment Survey link](#) with other businesses that may have suffered damage. The completed surveys will help the State Emergency Response Team determine the needs and level of assistance for impacted businesses. The information provided in this survey will be shared among various State and local agencies to help expedite implementation of appropriate disaster relief programs for businesses. This survey assists the State with determining relief services for businesses, including the activation of the Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan.

If activated, the Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan can provide a source of expedient cash flow to Florida small businesses impacted by a disaster. These short-term interest-free working capital loans are intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business has secured longer term recovery resources, such as sufficient profits from a revived business, receipt of payments on insurance claims or Federal disaster assistance. The Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan is not active at this time, and your participation in the Business Damage Assessment Survey aids in the decision to activate the Bridge Loan. The Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan provides a short-term loan of State of Florida public funds, not a grant, with the expectation that repayment will be made out of receipts from other sources of longer term disaster recovery assistance.

For more information, please visit www.pascocountyfl.net or www.floridadisaster.org.

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