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The Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office, works to attract new and diversified businesses resulting in high-wage, high skilled jobs; retain and encourage expansion of existing businesses, and improve the overall business environment in Lee County.

Register Your Business With The Business Emergency Network

(If you have already registered, you do not need to again.)

Register online at: www.FortMyersRegionalPartnership.com

Or fax this registration form to: Fort Myers Regional Partnership, Lee County's Economic Development Office
FAX: 338-3227

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact: _____

Title: _____

Business Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Website address: _____

of Full-time Employees: _____

Type of Business: Manufacturing Retail

Distribution Service Construction

Transportation Technology Wholesale

Other: _____

For additional information on disaster preparedness, go online to: www.leeec.com or www.eflorida.com/prepared



Team Lee County

The Horizon Council is a public-private advisory board to the Lee County Board of Commissioners on economic development issues. The Council is made up of members representing cities, chambers of commerce, economic development and trade organizations, and community, education and business organizations. The remaining serve as at-large members and officers.



This charitable 501(c)3 organization was established as a fundraising vehicle to enable individuals and businesses to actively support the marketing efforts and success of the Horizon Council and Economic Development Office.



This public board appointed by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners authorizes industrial Revenue Bonds and administers the Lee County Incentives Program.

Fort Myers Regional Partnership Lee County's Economic Development Office

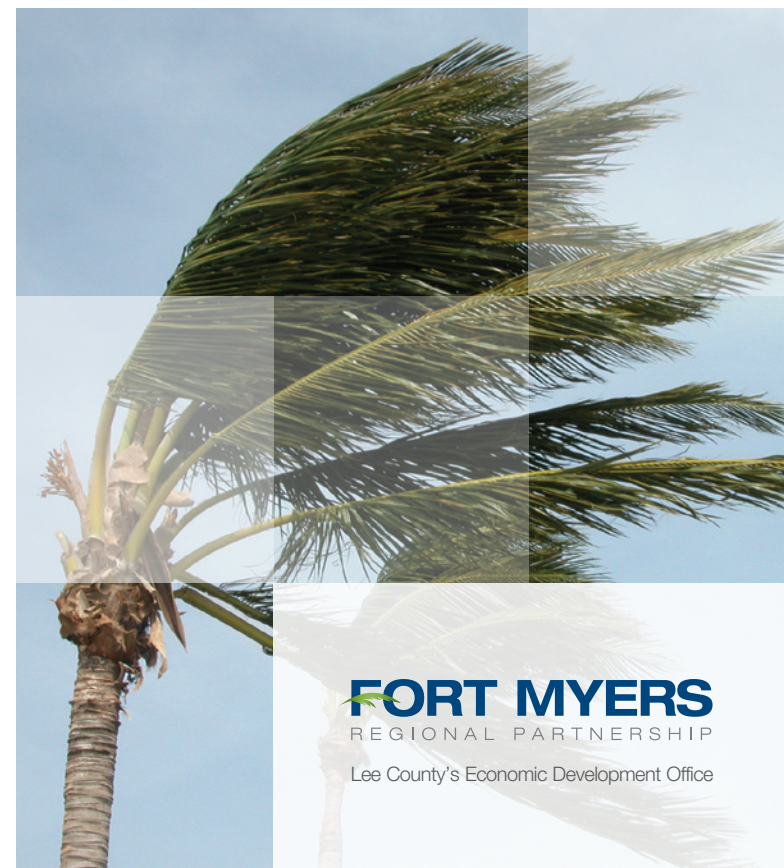
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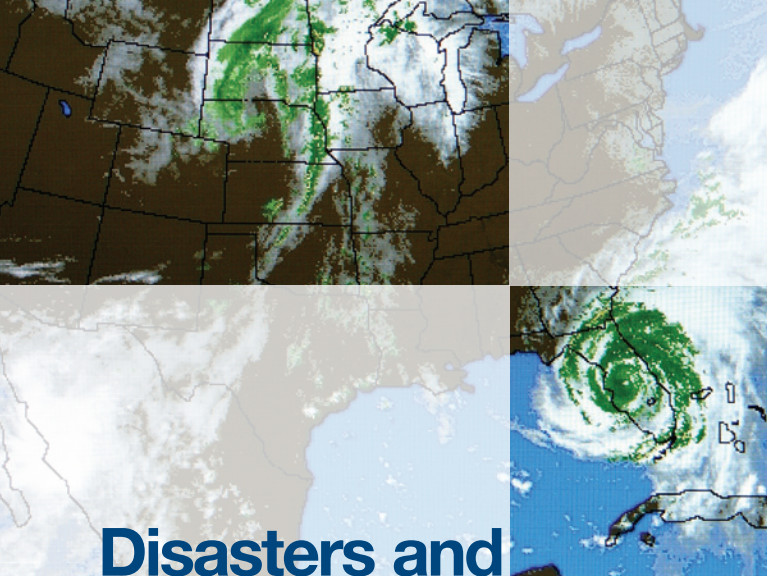
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If another disaster happens today, will you be open for business tomorrow?

Disasters and your business

Living and Working in Southwest Florida

Lee County has a vibrant and diverse business community made up of thousands of businesses, both large and small. This is a thriving community – truly a piece of paradise!

As we have witnessed, a major disaster could change all that. As Lee County grows, our community's economic prosperity becomes more vulnerable to disasters that no one can predict, prevent or protect us from.

However, preparation can make a big difference, not just in protecting your property, but in helping your business recover economically. A quick business recovery after a disaster means we can maintain the stability and economic growth our community needs.

What Can Be Done?

In the case of a disaster, many organizations have comprehensive disaster plans, including our county government, our cities and the Economic Development Office. These plans not only address the personal safety of employees, but also address the needs of the business community during the response and recovery stages of a disaster.

To assist small businesses, the Economic Development Office is working closely with our cities, public agencies and business community to ensure the emergency preparedness information you need for business survival and recovery is readily available.

You can get this information from local emergency management officials, fire departments, law enforcement agencies, chambers of commerce, and city and county economic development offices.

While many levels of assistance are available, you must take the lead in your preparation. Create a business disaster plan now. For assistance with developing a plan visit www.floridadisaster.org/business.

Help Us Help You

Should Lee County be declared a disaster area, emergency help is available for businesses. The Business Emergency Network is the key to receiving help immediately after a disaster. The quicker businesses are up and running, the quicker a community can recover.

This free, confidential registry also serves as a supplier network, connecting your company with people who need materials and services during post-disaster recovery. You can register your business with the Business Emergency Network on the Internet or by faxing the form on the back of this brochure.

State programs are also available. Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans may be available to help pay for emergency costs so companies can open their doors again for business. After Hurricanes Charley and Wilma, the Horizon Foundation administered state Bridge Loans to businesses in Lee County.

Small Business Emergency Bridge Loans may be available for established companies with a maximum of 100 employees, but not less than two. The loans are also for short terms, between 90 and 180 days. They are designed to provide funding to bridge the gap between the time of a disaster and when other emergency financial assistance, such as long term loans or insurance proceeds, are received.

