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N E W S R E L E A S E

Extended office hours to accept disaster unemployment claims *Individuals to call 1-866-783-5567 to file claims*

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Workforce Commission announced today extended call-center office hours to accept disaster unemployment assistance (DUA) claims.

LWC staff members will answer calls made to 1-866-783-5567 and assist individuals file for DUA from 6:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. until further notice.

Individuals can also file claims online at www.laworks.net through the LWC's HiRE (Helping Individuals Reach Employment) portal.

The deadline to apply for DUA depends on the individual's parish. Residents of East Baton Rouge, Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Acadia, Ascension, East Feliciana, Iberia, Lafayette, Pointe Coupee, St. Landry and Vermilion parishes have until September 15, 2016 while residents of Avoyelles, Evangeline, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Washington and West Feliciana parishes have until September 21, 2016 to file.

About the Louisiana Workforce Commission

The Louisiana Workforce Commission is an agency of state government that administers programs designed to enhance workforce growth and provide family-sustaining jobs for Louisiana residents. The commission monitors employment, administers unemployment compensation and tax funds, provides training resources for employers and employees and oversees worker compensation benefits. The agency also gathers and supplies information on the labor market and occupational sectors in Louisiana.

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