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## Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Activates Business Damage Assessment Survey in Response to Hurricane Sally

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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** - In an effort to expedite the recovery process for businesses damaged by recent severe weather in the Florida Panhandle, the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and State Emergency Response Team have activated the Business Damage Assessment Survey in response to Hurricane Sally. The program, managed by the DEO, will gather information through the survey from businesses affected by Hurricane Sally and share the results with various local, state and federal agencies to implement appropriate disaster relief programs.

"Our thoughts and efforts are with everyone affected by Hurricane Sally," **said Dane Eagle, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.** "We will work with Governor DeSantis and the Division of Emergency Management to support recovery efforts and assist businesses and families impacted by the storm. We encourage any business affected by the storm to complete the Business Damage Assessment survey at [FloridaDisaster.biz](http://FloridaDisaster.biz)."

DEO is currently surveying businesses in the affected counties. To access the business survey, please click [HERE](#) and select "Hurricane Sally" from the drop-down menu. Completed surveys will be used to determine which emergency support programs might be beneficial to aid recovery efforts in the area. Local, state and federal officials will use this information to provide any needed assistance programs needed for recovery.

### About DEO

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity combines the state's economic, workforce and community development efforts, expediting economic development projects to fuel job creation in competitive communities and promote economic resiliency. For more information, including valuable resources for employers and job seekers, please visit [www.FloridaJobs.org](http://www.FloridaJobs.org).

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