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GOSDAA offers assistance to Local Companies affected by the BP Oil Spill

Gulf Spill Disaster Adjustment Assistance Center (GOSDAA) was established to provide assistance to small businesses located within 60 geographic miles from the coast/marshes of Louisiana and Texas that have been affected by the British Petroleum 2010 oil spill. Service companies, manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers are eligible to apply.

If your company has experienced a decline in sales or employment levels due to the adverse effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you may qualify for technical assistance in marketing, manufacturing, engineering, employee training, information management or new product development from the Gulf Oil Spill Disaster Adjustment Assistance (GOSDAA) program. This program provides management and technical assistance to U.S. Gulf Coast firms that qualify for adjustment assistance as a result of the oil spill disaster that took place in 2010.

Adverse consequences include 5% or greater loss of sales or employment levels from April to December 2010 compared to 2009 during that same period of time. Qualifying companies will need to have been operating at least since January 1, 2008.

Assistance consists of a maximum grant of up to \$30,000 which requires a dollar-to-dollar match by the company.

GOSDAA could pay for consulting services in the following areas:

- Marketing (Web Site Development, Trade Show Booth, Brochure and Catalog Designs, Strategic Plan, Industrial and Market Research)
- Quality Systems (ISO 9000, ISO 14000, API, AES, Six Sigma)
- Software Customization (MIS,CNC,CRM)
- Supply Chain Solutions Lean Manufacturing Engineering (Product, Finite Element,

- Analysis/Design, Research and Development)
- Training (Safety, Sales and Communication, Software, Trade Specific, Skill Development)

The GOSDAA program is operated by the University of Texas at San Antonio Institute for Economic Development and is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. Please contact GOSDAA Project Managers or go to www.gosdaa.org for more information.

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