UNEXPLOYED due to Hurricane Ike?

The Texas Workforce Commission wants you to know you may be eligible for disaster-related unemployment benefits.

To apply, file online www.texasworkforce.org or call a TWC UI Telecenter at:

Austin local: (512) 340-4300 Dallas local: (972) 339-6200 El Paso local: (915) 832-6400 San Antonio: (210) 258-6600

Fort Worth local:(817) 420-1600 Houston local:(281) 983-1100 McAllen local: (956) 984-4700 Others call toll free: (800) 939-6631

Relay Texas: 1-800-735-2989 (TDD) or 1-800-735-2988 (Voice)

Individuals who are self-employed also may be eligible for disaster-related unemployment benefits.

Beware of scams where unscrupulous companies offer to file claims for individuals. Filing for disaster-related unemployment benefits is free.

Those who worked in Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Cherokee, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, and Washington Counties may be eligible for disaster-related unemployment assistance.