



Educational Improvement Tax Credit —

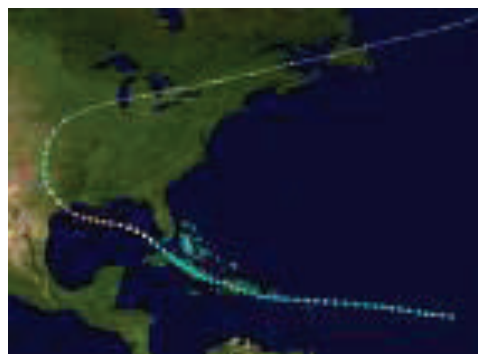
A great way to give back

If you are the owner of a business or involved in the financials of a corporation have you considered a relatively new way of giving back to the community? The state of Pennsylvania has a program called the Educational improvement tax credit (EITC). Any business authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of PA that is subject to any of the following taxes; Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock Franchise Tax, Bank and trust Company shares tax,

Did You Know ?

- 7-11 is the largest retail chain in the world.
- According to research the most productive work day is Tuesday and the least productive is Friday.
- American Airlines saved \$40,000.00 dollars in 1987 by eliminating one olive in each salad served in first class
- On a bottle of brandy VSOP stands for very special old pale

Consulting Team Assists Adjustors With Hurricanes Ike and Gustav Over Broad Area



Path of Hurricane Ike



Building Damage in Houston

The G S Jones consulting team traveled to 4 states to provide damage repair estimates for insurance carriers this fall. Hurricanes Ike and Gustav left a trail of destruction from Galveston, TX to Canada.

GS Jones consultants inspected various structures ranging from high rise office buildings in Houston with severe damages to glass and metal facades, roofing, elevators, and finishes, to school districts in Spring Texas with significant damage to over 90 buildings.

Consultants are also finalizing insurance estimates for buildings and condominiums in Baton Rouge, LA; Columbus, OH; Cincinnati, OH; and Kentucky.

Risk Management Solutions updated its estimate on October 24th of inland and offshore – insured losses to be 13 to 21 Billion dollars, this does not include losses covered by the national flood insurance program. This latest estimate makes Ike the 3rd most costly hurricane after Katrina and Andrew.

Mark Your Calendar!

November 12

Chicken soup for the soul day

December 4

National wear brown shoes day

November 6

National young readers day

December 21

National humbug day

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Insurance premiums tax or mutual thrift institutions tax, is eligible for this tax credit. A business can receive a tax credit of up to 75% of its contribution for one year or 90% of its contribution for a two year commitment. For example if a business contributes \$10,000.00 each year for two years to the educational institution of its choice – (instead of paying the Governor) Then a tax credit of 90% will be issued to the business for the funds contributed, reducing its tax liability to the state to only \$1,000.00 per year. For more information on how you can participate and the educational institutions participating call the PA Dept of community and economic development @ (717) 720-1420

Coming Soon...

G S Jones is set to launch its new web based interactive construction management website.

Adjustors, Agents, Brokers, Property Owners, Business Owners, Facilities Managers and Risk Managers will all be able to securely log in and utilize the new web based “Track Your Claim” Up to the minute status of ongoing claims.

This is an effort to respond to your needs as a valued business partner with G S Jones and help to enhance our service and quality to you.

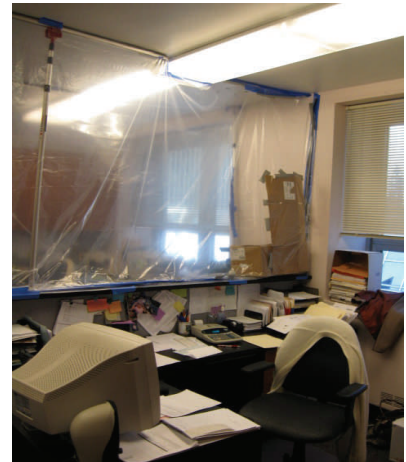
Pin Point Drying Enables Office to Remain Open With Minimal Disruptions

A roof leak at a local office building greeted workers when they arrived on a recent Monday morning. Although they acted quickly and sopped up most of



Ducting used from DH's

the standing water, wet plaster walls and ceilings still presented a problem. Gary Baker arrived on the scene (GS Jones Estimator) and quickly assessed that the plaster could be dried out while keeping most of the office management staff in place if they didn't mind a



Minimal disruption to office workers

little disruption. A dehumidifier was used and flex duct was used to direct the warm air exhaust directly into the cavity of the plaster, which cut the drying time significantly. Also a plastic containment was installed to negate any plaster dust as the ceiling was cut out, and to contain the area for faster drying.

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