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## CITY OF BALTIMORE LAUNCHES CORPORATE EMERGENCY ACCESS SYSTEM

### Access Control System Helps Business Recover from Emergencies or Disasters

**FULTON, NY.** The Business Network of Emergency Resources (BNET) in partnership with City of Baltimore today announced the launch of the Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS). In the event of a large-scale emergency, CEAS provides companies quick, authorized access to their affected worksites, minimizing economic injury to business and ensuring economic resiliency.

**CEAS** is an emergency access control system, which authenticates critical business employees for entry to restricted areas following a disaster or serious emergency using a secure identification card recognized by the police. Governments must adopt the CEAS for use in their jurisdiction. Businesses must pre-enroll in the program to be eligible to receive ID cards. The local authorities can implement the **CEAS** following an emergency once immediate threats to life are stabilized. Businesses in the City of Baltimore can enroll by going to [CEAS.com](http://CEAS.com).

In a downtown press conference hosted Wednesday at 100 Light Street, the City's new CEAS program was unveiled. "The CEAS will enable businesses to mitigate losses and recover quicker by facilitating access to their buildings. We must assist the private sector to maintain continuity of operations – the City depends on it.", said Robert Maloney, Director of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.

"Baltimore's CEAS partnership creates a tangible bond that elevates area businesses to a place where they should be during an emergency or disaster as true partners in response and recovery", said Peter Picarillo, Executive Director of BNET.

"Whether it's a water main break or something more serious, the CEAS credentialing system gives stakeholders and business owners one less thing to worry about when there is an emergency," said Kirby Fowler, President of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.

Also In attendance at yesterday's press conference was, City of Baltimore Deputy Mayor, Christopher Thomascutty, Baltimore Police Lt. Col., Paul Sheppard and Baltimore Fire Deputy Chief, Donald Heinbuch.

BNET's CEAS has already been implemented in six northeastern cities and their suburban Counties. More locales nationwide are expected to participate in the near future.

BNET, a New York-based not-for-profit corporation, will manage the CEAS. Member companies cover the program's administrative costs of the program through a per card fee. There is no financial cost to the City. Small, medium, and large companies are all invited to enroll.



Pictured Left to right are Deputy Mayor, Christopher Thomascutty, OEM Director Robert Maloney, Lt. Col Paul Sheppard, Chief Donald Heinbuch, Peter Picarillo, BNET, Kirby Fowler, Downtown Partnership, Adam Stolz, OEM

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#### **About [Business Network of Emergency Resources, Inc \(BNET\)](#)**

BNET, headquartered in New York, is a not-for-profit company dedicated to establishing practical and effective emergency and crisis management solutions through partnerships between the public and private sector. Created by BNET, the Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS) uses a 'critical employee access card' system to mitigate the economic loss and maintain critical infrastructure when unforeseen events limit access to the workplace. The goal of CEAS is to accelerate recovery time for both business and government. For more information or to enroll in the CEAS please visit [www.ceas.com](http://www.ceas.com).