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BNET PARTNERS WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS AND HOME SAFETY (IBHS) TO BRING BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING TOOLS TO CEAS USERS

Planning Templates Will Help Businesses Create Disaster Plans

FULTON, NY. .. The Business Network of Emergency Resources (BNET) announced today that it has partnered with the **Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS)** to bring business continuity planning tools to participants in its the Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS). These tools target the small and medium firms who realize the importance of planning for business interruption but lack the resources to build a professional quality business continuity plan.

“When you offer a program like the CEAS to businesses, you hope that business owners aren’t using your program as their sole method of providing continuity. Nothing, not even an emergency access card is a substitute for a good, actionable, tested plan. We hope our participants who need to create or improve their plans can take full advantage of this partnership”, said Jeff Shaw, BNET President.

BNET has created a “Planning Resources” page on their website at www.ceas.com/resources that has links to the **Open For Business**® business continuity planning tools. The toolkit contains 76 pages of self assessment tools; checklists and forms that help the user navigate step by step through the process of creating a business continuity plan. Also available is **Doing Business During an Influenza Pandemic**, a toolkit for organizations of all sizes, which includes: human resource policies, protocols, templates, tools, & tips. This document was prepared by the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota, with assistance from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), and with contractual support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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About [Business Network of Emergency Resources, Inc \(BNET\)](http://www.bnetinc.org)

BNET 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.

About [Institute for Business and Home Safety \(IBHS\)](http://www.disastersafety.org)

IBHS is a nonprofit initiative of the insurance industry, developed **Open for Business**® specifically for small to mid-sized businesses. Its mission is to reduce the social and economic effects of natural disasters and other property losses by conducting research and advocating improved construction, maintenance and preparation practices. For more information visit: www.disastersafety.org