



Boston Emergency Management Agency
85 Bragdon Street
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Dear Boston Business Leader:

Mayor Thomas M. Menino recently announced the Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS) administered by the Business Network of Emergency Resources (BNeT). This program is designed to reduce the impact of economic injury to a municipality following a serious or catastrophic event. The Boston Emergency Management Agency (BEMA) will oversee this program. The CEAS allows businesses to identify “essential” Boston employees who will be granted access to their properties in the case of a disaster. These employees will be issued an ID card by BNeT.

The goal of the program is to rapidly facilitate business recovery activities in an impacted area by providing quick access to affected work sites by critical organization employees when the area is designated as safe. CEAS allows organizations to access damage, maintain core IT systems, meet regulatory obligations and secure or remove critical records and data.

Buffalo, New York has adopted the CEAS program with great success. Boston and New York City will join Buffalo in this program. I am proud that businesses in our city will now have the added security regarding business continuity that CEAS provides.

I hope you will send a representative of your company to an information session that the CEAS partners and Boston Emergency Management Officials are holding on Friday, March 12th at State Street Corporation, 225 Franklin Street, 33rd Floor Board Room, from 10-12. If you plan on attending, please contact me at BEMA (617.343.4163 stevem.bfd@ci.boston.ma.us).

I look forward to working together on this initiative with you,

Sincerely,

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