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Dear Business Owner:

I would like to bring to your attention an important emergency response program for the City's business community. The Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS) is a program designed to reduce the impact of economic injury to a municipality and its businesses following a major emergency or catastrophic event. CEAS permits businesses to rapidly access their facilities following an emergency through a pre-event credentialing program, which authenticates critical business employees for access to restricted areas following a disaster or serious emergency using a secure identification card recognized by the police

The goal of the program is to rapidly facilitate business recovery activities in an impacted area by providing quick access to affected work sites. CEAS will permit companies to quickly assess damage, maintain core IT systems, meet regulatory obligations and secure or remove vital records and data. CEAS has been successfully introduced and operating in New York City, Buffalo, Boston, Cambridge, Stamford and Philadelphia.

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management will now oversee the program in conjunction with, the Business Network of Emergency Resources (BNET), the non-profit organization that administers the CEAS program. They have established an Executive Advisory Board to manage the implementation of the program and ensure its success. Director Robert Maloney oversees the program as part of Mayor's Office of Emergency Management's mission; to ensure Baltimore is as resilient as possible to threats both natural and manmade.

I urge you to take a few moments to read the enclosed literature and learn more about the CEAS program and how it can be a valuable component in your company's business continuity/crisis management plan. Additional information can be found by visiting [www.ceas.com](http://www.ceas.com) or contacting the CEAS customer support center at 888-353-BNET.

Sincerely,

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