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NEW YORK CITY ACTIVATES ACCESS SYSTEM TO HELP KEEP BUSINESSES OPERATING DURING BLIZZARD

**Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS)
Intended to make businesses and communities more resilient during emergencies**

Fulton, NY – Today Mayor Bill De Blasio activated New York City’s Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS) following a citywide travel ban declared due to the effects of winter storm Jonas. By activating CEAS, pre-authorized, critical business employees are exempted from the travel ban to help maintain critical functions during and immediately after the storm.

“During emergencies like today’s blizzard, businesses rely on employees with special skills who perform critical functions to keep businesses operating and community lifelines functioning”, said Jeffrey Shaw, President of BNET. “We commend New York City OEM’s Public Private Partnership effort as second to none in the nation”.

The Business Network of Emergency Resources (BNET) has introduced CEAS to businesses in eight major metropolitan areas throughout the Northeast since 2004. The Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS) is an emergency access control system that allows critical business employees to enter and travel in restricted areas during serious emergencies. CEAS accomplishes this through the issuance of a pre-event, secure identification card that is issued to critical employees of participating companies at minimal cost.

For more information about the CEAS program or to enroll your business, visit www.ceas.com

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About Business Network of Emergency Resources, Inc (BNET)

BNET, headquartered in Fulton, NY 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 incurred through unforeseen emergencies where access to the workplace is restricted. The goal of CEAS is to accelerate recovery time for both business and the communities they serve.