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## **New England Cities Activate Access System to Help Keep Businesses Operating During Snowstorm**

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

FULTON, N.Y.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--This past weekend, Winter Storm Nemo caused the Cities of Boston, Cambridge and Providence to institute a travel bans restricting travel within these cities. With the thought that businesses would not be able to maintain critical functioning during this event, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, Providence Mayor Angel Tavares and Cambridge City Manager Robert Healy activated the [Corporate Emergency Access System \(CEAS\)](#). By doing so, they permitted pre-authorized business first responders to travel, if necessary, during the event. CEAS remained in effect until 4:00 PM Saturday when all travel bans were lifted.

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**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.

“This weekend's activation of the CEAS program in New England was an exemplary situation for its use” said Jeffrey Shaw, President of BNET, “The commitment of these cities to partnering with the private sector to mitigate economic damage and improve community resiliency during emergencies should be commended and viewed as a best practice throughout the United States.”

For more information about the CEAS program or to enroll your business, visit [www.ceas.com](http://www.ceas.com)

#### **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.

