

## CEAS PROGRAM

CEAS is a crisis response and recovery, access-control system, which preauthenticates essential private sector personnel before a disruption occurs. A secure identification card, recognized by law enforcement, allows access to restricted areas and roadways following a disaster or crisis.

Government entities must adopt the CEAS program for use before private sector employees can have access to that jurisdiction and receive ID cards. CEAS can be adopted on a statewide or local level. Government authorities can implement CEAS at any time following an emergency when deemed necessary.

The program helps communities mitigate damage and loss resulting from a disaster or emergency by creating a process that permits the flow of resources and essential personnel into the affected area as quickly as possible after an incident. Participating private sector organizations may select a predefined number of essential employees to receive CEAS cards. These employees are typically those whose functions are vital to recovery efforts.

## CEAS BENEFITS

- CEAS helps government to facilitate the recovery of public, critical infrastructures by providing a method to easily recognize essential private sector employees for travel and access to their privately owned and operated facilities.
- CEAS also assists the recovery of businesses that provide vital community lifelines by establishing a clear methodology for crisis recovery and reentry, a process often overlooked in emergency planning.
- CEAS is offered at no cost to governments. Costs are borne by private sector program participants through program registration fees.

## CEAS KEY POINTS

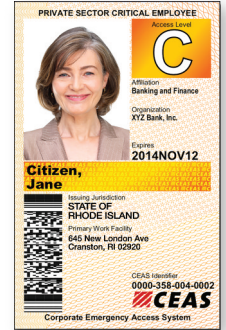
**Partnership**—Creates a bond between local government and private sector businesses for the purpose of minimizing economic impact and speeding community recovery from disasters or emergencies.

**Access**—Allows essential employees to travel and/or enter restricted areas, using the CEAS ID, to sustain operations and initiate recovery.

**Identification**—CEAS ID cards enable law enforcement officials to easily recognize essential personnel responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure and restoring lifelines and private sector operations.

**Resiliency**—Speeds area recovery and reduces enterprise risk by facilitating the inflow of key resources critical to helping private sector businesses and communities rebound quickly from a disaster.

**Security**—Creates a predefined process ensuring that the right people have access to the right places at the right time.



## ABOUT CEAS

The Business Network of Emergency Resources developed the CEAS concept in New York in 1999 as a result of a federal, state, and private sector study known as the *Joint Loss Reduction Partnership (JLRP)*.

The study determined that rapid reentry to the workplace and closer partnership between the government and the private sector were critical issues following a disaster or emergency.

The CEAS program was designed to allow private sector essential personnel rapid access to restricted areas following emergencies for disaster recovery purposes. The first CEAS programs were deployed in Boston and New York City in 2004.

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BNET offers a crisis response and recovery, access-control system for communities through partnerships between local government and the private sector for community recovery and operational continuity.

### BNET TECHNOLOGY

- CEAS cards are centrally issued and supported by a highly secure and redundant IT infrastructure.
- CEAS cards meet the latest physical and topographic security standards.
- Cards support PDF 417 barcode scanning.
- Free smartphone scanning app available to law enforcement allows instant field authentication.

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