

ABOUT LA BEOC

LA BEOC is a technology platform that establishes a unique public/private partnership for information-sharing, situational awareness, status reporting and collaborative planning. **LA BEOC** activities enhance disaster preparedness, improve communications and ensure critically needed **supply chains** are available in the wake of an emergency or disaster. Based on a web-based portal, **LA BEOC** increases self-sufficiency and resiliency *before, during* and *after* an emergency or disaster event, reducing Louisiana's reliance on FEMA and other Federal and out-of-State assistance providers.

Important to **LA BEOC's** success during an event is **situational awareness** and **status reporting** to and from members and **LA BEOC**. The exchange of information includes identifying critical supply chains, **Louisiana** providers of goods and services likely to be needed in a **response** or **recovery, re-entry** information to a disaster site, and more.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN LA BEOC?

LA BEOC provides disaster-specific communications from the **Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)** to industry associations and almost **2,200 registered member businesses** to coordinate private-sector businesses and nonprofit organizations. It connects those who need resources to **Louisiana** resource providers during response and recovery from an emergency or disaster event. Open to any Louisiana business or organization, there is **no cost** to be a **LA BEOC** member.

Enroll and enable LA BEOC to share your information with government agencies, academic partners, industry-trade associations and others involved in disaster preparedness. Visit www.labeoc.org and click on the Register link.

WHERE IS LA BEOC?

The **LA BEOC** is located in Abdalla Hall (635 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette, 70506) in the **University of Louisiana at Lafayette Research Park**.

The facility also serves as the **alternate State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)** in the event the primary SEOC located in Baton Rouge is incapacitated or unable to activate due to a disaster requiring the evacuation of the Baton Rouge area.

Co-located with **LA BEOC** is the National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies Institute (NIMSAT), the UL Lafayette Emergency Operations Center (UL Lafayette EOC), the Center for Business & Information Technologies (CBIT), the National Science Foundation Center for Visual and Decision Informatics (CVDI) and the Informatics Research Institute (IRI). **LA BEOC** also has connectivity to the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI).



LONI is a **state-of-the-art, fiber-optic network**, connecting Louisiana research universities to one another and – through the **National LambdaRail** – to other research universities across the country.

In addition to **LA BEOC**, the facility in Abdalla Hall contains an auditorium, office spaces, conference rooms, and planning cells to support long-term recovery planning that requires the **on-site** presence of representatives from business associations and select members of critical business sectors. During non-emergencies, facilities serve as a **training facility** for executive-level courses in business continuity planning, facility security, Incident Command System (ICS), community preparedness, and collaborative planning. A commercial hotel capable of housing industry representatives who assist with **LA BEOC** operations is across the street.

VIRTUAL BEOC (VBEOC)

The **Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center (VBEOC)** is a web-based portal that enables businesses to participate remotely in **LA BEOC** emergency- and disaster-related activities, using a desktop or laptop computer or any web-enabled device.