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).

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.