

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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R. David Paulison
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Paulison:

As you know, citizens from each of our Congressional districts have suffered through a string of hurricanes and other natural disasters. While FEMA worked in close coordination with the Florida State Emergency Response Team (SERT) to respond to the needs of all those impacted by the disasters, many homebound victims, especially the elderly and disabled, were left feeling trapped and scared from circumstances beyond their control.

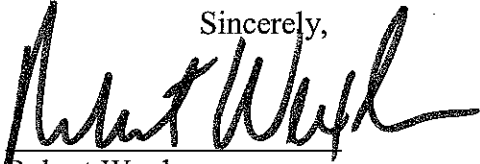
Out of the Katrina experience, a company named Disaster Solutions, LLC arose which helped solve that problem at Ground Zero in Mississippi. Using a Unified Command with a large National Guard force, this private team, supported by a host of volunteer groups coordinated by The Eagles Wings Foundation, touched over 125,000 victims in Gulfport and Biloxi Mississippi -- in just 14 days. It is our understanding that this outreach is unprecedented in disaster response for homebound victims. Further, all of the team's operations remained under the local civilian government's control.

This company, all of its team leaders, and the supporting foundation come from all four of our Congressional districts in Florida. This company has its own Incident Management Team (IMT), with specialists in technology, GIS mapping, communications, volunteer administration, military affairs, Incident Command Operations, Logistics, and Planning. We have been informed that all are credentialed and criminally background checked in Florida, and the company already is in FEMA's Central Contractor Registration network.

We would request that your staff issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek out such services to fill a gap we all know exists today. After proper review and public bidding, citizens across the country will have the option of requesting such assistance from FEMA with any company that may win this RFP. While there would be no on-going costs or budgetary restrictions to maintain this private asset for government use, after an Emergency Declaration, people everywhere could benefit from a team like this one, which already has a long proven track record in this specialized field dating back to the Category 5 strike of Hurricane Floyd in the Bahamas in 1999.

We would appreciate if you or a member of you staff would look into the possibility of issuing an RFP and keep us informed on this matter as it progresses. Thank you for assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,



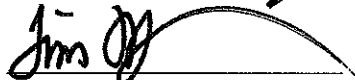
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