



## Exercising Business Status Information in NLE 18

SABER, the Single Automated Business Exchange for Reporting, is pleased to team with FEMA and the National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) in National Level Exercise 2018.

SABER was founded by the private sector and includes among its members Walmart, Target, Lowes, Sears, Costco, Walgreens, Dick's Sporting Goods, Starbucks, and other national organizations. SABER has helped these, and other businesses, transform their individual status information into national standard formats and to ease and speed distribution to many government agencies.

SABER is a member of the NBEOC and has provided business status to the NBEOC, FEMA Regions, states, and local governments in past events and exercises. NLE 18 is the next major exercise to practice providing your business and infrastructure status reports to the NBEOC and FEMA Region III more easily than ever before through SABER.

SABER is standing up a SimCenter to support the NBEOC, states, and local governments. This is being done as part of a DHS, Directorate of Science and Technology, First Responder Group project.

The SABER SimCenter has two roles:

1. On the input side, gather private sector business status in one of three forms of electronic submission which are then automatically distributed to authorized organizations. This minimizes the burden on companies as they return to normal operations.
2. On the output side, provide that business status in multiple formats to governments and other organizations to use in their own software. This lets response organizations visualize and analyze the situation using the everyday tools familiar to them.

SABER provides member companies two ways to participate:

1. Companies that desire an active participation in the exercise may directly use their SABER accounts to provide status as an automated submission, or an upload of a spreadsheet to the SABERspace.org website, or using the SABER/SpotOnResponse mobile app. SABER will work with companies to develop and test status submission and assure their unique company status data transforms into National Information Exchange Model-compliant formats which are then distributed to governments and authorized organizations.
2. Companies that prefer a passive role can make their site information available to the SimCenter which will simulate operating status for those sites to support the exercise scenario.

*There is no cost for either private sector or government participation in SABER.*

Participating in NLE 18 permanently makes the company an operating member of SABER for future business disruptions, large and small. SABER is always operational even for small, local, daily incidents and the resources of SABER are available to members for all types of emergencies.

To participate in NLE 18 through SABER, enroll at <http://www.saberspace.org/enroll-or-ask.html>. To see how easy it is for companies to participate, click on the "Watch Target Use SABER" link at the top of the page. For further information, contact Jim Morentz, SABER Executive Director, at [jim@SABERspace.org](mailto:jim@SABERspace.org).