Welcome to SABER for Business

Thanks for enrolling in SABER, the Single Automated Business Exchange for Reporting.

SABER's mission is to collect business status from companies to save them time and effort reporting to governments. And to provide that status to governments for them to incorporate into their own software to improve situational awareness and resource allocation. The objective of this information exchange is to influence government and business-to-business recovery priorities by providing accurate and timely business status information about the commercial sector in order to get businesses back in business faster.

By enrolling in SABER, you can contribute to this mission in two ways:

First, we will work with you to get your business status into SABER. That can be as simple as a status spreadsheet you already use upload at SABERspace.org, or a fully automated connection, or a mobile app you can provide to your site managers or security personnel to report directly.

Second, to ensure that the government agencies that ask you for status are getting it efficiently through SABER, we need your help in both identifying and contacting those agencies. Together we can approach them to get your status information to them when you provide it.

Resources for SABER Members

The SABER website, found at www.SABERspace.org, contains information about the background and operation of SABER.

There are three means available to provide your business status to SABER: spreadsheet upload, continuous automated status, or a mobile app. The *Guide to Working with SABER Data* (at the bottom of http://www.saberspace.org/data-submission.html) describes each of these methods.

- To use a spreadsheet there is a secure special Member Login on the SABER website. The SABER team will work with you adapt your spreadsheet (or create a new one) that meets your needs and can be uploaded through a button on SABERspace.org. To design spreadsheet status upload, contact SABER at info@SABERspace.org.
- To provide automated status involves discussions with your IT department and the SABER team. To initiate this, please contact jim@SABERspace.org.
- To subscribe to the mobile app which provides status to SABER plus creates a two-way flow of situational awareness and instructions to employees while getting from employees their availability to work and localized reports on business needs and conditions, contact info@SpotOnResponse.com.

There are many ways to consume SABER status. A primary value of SABER as explained in the *Guide* is for you to consume the SABER status data into your own applications that you use every day, such as ArcGIS Online, Google Earth, Live Earth, SpotOnResponse, GeoCollaborate, WebEOC, and others. If you do not have a preferred application, you can always view current SABER status on the SABER Status Map at http://www.saberspace.org/status-map.html.

To practice sharing your status through SABER, we participate in many exercises each year. We've been involved in the National Level Exercise annually since 2014 and numerous state and local exercises. If you are participating in an upcoming exercise, let's explore how SABER might get involved by contacting info@SABERspace.org.

SABER publishes an email newsletter to which you can subscribe at http://www.saberspace.org/enroll-or-ask.html. We also invite you to submit articles that feature your work with SABER to info@SABERspace.org.

SABER sponsors webinars (often jointly with the XchangeCore Community) to periodically focus on operational and technical topics as well as user experience presentations. To register for the webinars, go to https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3426924136250849028.

The SABER YouTube Channel contains recordings of previous webinars and is available at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd7hW8VlpM6l92-GvepHhM7oDisJ84TU9.

Finally, please feel free to contact the SABER Executive Director at jim@SABERspace.org.

Your Responsibility as a SABER Business Member

At the beginning of this welcome, we emphasized that the objective of the SABER status information exchange is to influence government and business-to-business recovery priorities by providing accurate and timely business status information about the commercial sector in order to get businesses back in business faster. This means you can be involved in two ways.

First is to share your business status through SABER by spreadsheet during an emergency or continuously in an automated connection or automatically through the SpotOnResponse mobile app.

Second is to work with SABER to assure that your status gets to the right government agencies. SABER members already include national government agencies and many states. We need your help to get agencies who ask you for status to join SABER. That's how you get reporting efficiency: point status requesters to SABER. We can join together to reach out to local, state, or federal agencies that matter to you to encourage them to join SABER. Please contact me at jim@SABERspace.org to discuss how you can help grow SABER for the benefit of all.

Thank you again for enrolling in SABER. Let's get started sharing your status through SABER to the government organizations you feel need it most.

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