Welcome to SABER for Government

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

SABER's mission is to provide business operating status to governments to incorporate into their own software to improve situational awareness and resource allocation decisions. We get the cooperation of companies because reporting status through SABER saves companies time and effort to report. 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 consume business status through SABER in the emergency management or common operating picture software you use already.

Second, to ensure that the businesses from which you want status are providing it through SABER, we need your help in both identifying and contacting those businesses. Together we can approach them to get their status information to you when you need it.

Resources for SABER Members

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

There are many ways to consume SABER status that are described in the *Guide to Working with SABER Data* (available at the bottom of http://www.saberspace.org/data-submission.html). A primary value of SABER as explained in the *Guide* is 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.

No username/password is needed to consume the open SABER status. Private and secure SABER status is available. If interested, inquire at info@SABERspace.org.

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 Public Sector 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 three ways.

First is to consume business status through SABER and display it in your emergency management or common operating picture mapping software that you already have. You can also get SABER status data into a spreadsheet to do charts, time-series analysis, calculations, and other assessments.

Second is to work with SABER to assure that you are getting the right status from companies you need. SABER members already many national companies (Sears, Macy's, Lowes, Costco, Walmart, Walgreens, Target, and others) but we need your help to get other companies to join SABER. We can join together to reach out to your local companies through your ESF or Business Emergency Operations Center 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.

Third, if you do not currently have a way to collect local business status, SABER has teamed with the SpotOnResponse mobile app to put SABER status into the hands of your local companies to speed reporting to you. For information, take a look at www.SpotOnResponse.com.

Thank you again for enrolling in SABER. Let's get started getting SABER business status into your operations center through software you already have so it is there when it is time to make critical resource allocation decisions that can help get businesses back in business faster.

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