

## **Credentialing / Re-Entry Procedures (By State) Summary**

### **Alabama**

According to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, individuals requesting access through control points need to have official corporate or company identification and a letter on company letterhead stating the purpose for access. Any individuals possessing both of these items will be granted access through control points. It is recommended that individuals who have problems gaining access to an area contact the Alabama Emergency Management Agency at (205) 280-2200.

### **Florida**

The Florida credentialing/re-entry procedures are managed by the Florida Retail Federation (FRF). Critical Infrastructure Owners and Operators should register with FRF and will then be able to request a placard identifying them as essential personnel. Individuals requesting access post landfall need to have a valid photo identification and the placard from FRF (printable online). FRF can be reached via telephone at (850) 222-4082. If access is required and an individual is not already registered with FRF, they should contact the Florida State EOC at (850) 413-9969 to request and receive a temporary emergency access pass from the Florida State Emergency Response Team.

### **Georgia**

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) has a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in place for applying for and receiving “Disaster Critical Workforce Reentry Permits”. According to the SOP, critical infrastructure owners and operators need to have company issued photo identification and be in a marked company vehicle to be granted access through control points. Contractors, subcontractors and other designated representatives of the critical infrastructure owners and operators need to have a state issued “critical Workforce Disaster Re-entry Permit (vehicle “hang tags” or placards) and an employer issued photo identification. Permits are issued with serial numbers and are available from the GEMA Operations Division at (404) 635-7000.

### **Louisiana**

Louisiana’s credentialing/re-entry policy is managed at the Parish level. Individuals requesting access post landfall need to have a state and/or company identification card. Additionally, they need to have the name of the employing company, a POC for verification and a letter on company letterhead describing which facility is being supported. Individuals possessing these items will be granted access through control points.

### **Mississippi**

Mississippi has no written protocol, policy or procedure for credentialing/re-entry. However, according to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Operations Bureau Chief, as long as an individual has an official corporate or company identification they will be granted access through control points. It is recommended that individuals who have problems gaining access to an area contact the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency at (800) 222-6362.

**Texas**

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the Primary Agency for the Evacuation Emergency Support Function, and DPS is responsible for coordinating the direction and control of emergency evacuation traffic and re-entry routes. Only essential employees may return to an area prior to the general public if an area is deemed unsafe. Businesses should maintain current and accurate lists of essential employees. Each essential employee must have a state-issued photo ID. Additionally, all essential personnel shall be issued employee identification indicating “essential” or “disaster response”. Non-governmental essential personnel should be prepared to show additional proof of essential function. This may be accomplished with a signed letter on department letterhead stating that the employee is essential and clearly indicates the essential function they perform and locations where these duties are carried out. It is recommended that individuals who have problems gaining access to an area contact the Texas State Operations Center at (512) 424-2208.