

Mobile Recovery: Getting Your People Back to Work

Disaster recovery and business continuity planning has become a hot topic in the business world. Most organizations now have data backup plans as a result of an expanded reliance on technology. As such, many executives feel that recovery planning is solely an IT function. This is the problem with many disaster recovery and business continuity plans. People are forgotten.

According to the Association of Small Business Development Centers, 43 percent of businesses that experience a disaster and do not have a sound recovery plan close for good. That figure rises to over 60 percent a year after the disaster.

After the 2005 hurricanes, the best data backup plans in the world turned out to be meaningless because of a lack of a plan for displaced workers. Hundreds of companies would still be in business today if they only had a simple plan in place for their employees. Where will your employees work when your physical infrastructure is compromised? And where will your clients turn to service their needs?

Most Fortune 5000 businesses invest in hot sites, which is basically a mirrored office space fully equipped with technology. For most businesses, however, hot sites are not financially or geographically feasible. Thus, mobile recovery becomes the economical and viable solution.

Companies like Agility Recovery Solutions, a former division of GE with 17 years of disaster recovery experience, provide such mobile recovery services and help businesses across the country recover their physical infrastructure, IT functions and most importantly, their people.

Agility's industry-leading ReadySuite mobile recovery solution includes:

- Mobile office space
- Desks and chairs
- PCs
- Internet access
- Printer and fax machine
- Power generator

Agility delivers ReadySuite assets and resources within 48 hours of a business declaring a disaster. Agility also offers technology shipment (such as servers, desktops, etc.) options for any interruption that does not require a full mobile recovery.

Over the course of its 17-year existence, Agility has maintained a 100 percent success rate in recovering businesses. Agility responded to over 40 declarations in the wake of the 2005 hurricane season and recovered 17 businesses after Sept. 11, 2001. The company also responds to everyday disasters and interruptions like fires, floods, server failures and power outages.