ITDRC Aiding in Relief Efforts for Tornado Stricken Areas

Fort Worth, Texas – March 3, 2012 - Technology Teams from the Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC) are deploying to assist in the recovery efforts of the recent tornado outbreak that has caused significant damage to many communities in the Ohio Valley this past week. The ITDRC, after spending the first part of the week working with small businesses in Branson, Missouri, will be working directly with locals in the public and private sector to re-establish connectivity and bring operations back online.

“We understand several communities and businesses have lost their entire IT and communications infrastructure”, says Joe Hillis, Operations Director. “We have the resources and expertise to help them continue operations in this critical time of need.”

A self-contained mobile command center with voice and networking equipment, servers, workstations, and generator power is being deployed to the region to provide critical resources for the disaster operation. Equipment is made available to emergency management officials during the response phase of the disaster, and then made available to the Non-profit and small business community to assist in recovery.

The Disaster Operations Team will spend the next several weeks in Indiana and Kentucky, leveraging the talents of Virtual Operations Support Teams (VOST) who are unable to physically deploy. Additional teams will join the efforts as more volunteers become available.

The Information Technology Disaster Resource Center, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity comprised of Information Technology Professionals; established in 2009 to assist Communities and Small Businesses with Continuity and Recovery of Information Systems affected by disaster. Disaster Services are provided at no cost through a nationwide network of service oriented volunteer IT Professionals and Corporate Sponsors.

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