



News release

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To our business partners and regional allies,

Hurricane Ike cut an unforgettable path of destruction across Bay Area Houston and much of the Gulf Coast. These past days have been difficult as we assess the damage to our homes and businesses while simultaneously dealing with the loss of electric power and all that brings with it.

There are many challenges to be met as we rebuild what we've lost. As tough as these will be, I know that we Texans are tougher. The Lone Star State is no stranger to hurricanes or hard times, and, after each one, we've always come back stronger and better than before. The spirit of Texas cannot be broken, and that is why I know that each one of us will do what it takes to not only recover from Ike but to once again thrive.

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership has been a leader for over 30 years in building partnerships and developing new business for our region as well as retaining the valuable businesses that call this part of Texas home. We at BAHEP will assist them in their rebuilding efforts in any way we can.

With its strong economy, Bay Area Houston has always been one of the best places in the state to live, work, and play. As powerful as Ike was, he couldn't destroy our belief that it still is.

Best regards,

Bob Mitchell
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