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| D. Disaster Response Plan | Alternate Facilities | <p>relocating organization. Since the need to relocate may occur without warning, or access to normal operating facilities may be denied, agencies are encouraged to pre-position and maintain minimum essential equipment for continued operations at the alternate operating facilities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interoperable communications with all identified essential internal and external organizations, critical customers, and the public; • Reliable logistical support, services, and infrastructure systems, including water, electrical power, heating and air conditioning, etc. • Consideration for the health, safety, and emotional well-being of relocated employees • Appropriate physical security and access controls. |
| D. Disaster Response Plan | Interoperable Communications | <p>The success of agency operations at an alternate facility is absolutely dependent upon the availability and redundancy of critical communication systems to support connectivity to internal organizations, other agencies, critical customers, and the public. When identifying communications requirements, agencies should take maximum advantage of the entire spectrum of communications media likely to be available in any emergency situation. These services may include, but are not limited to, secure and/or non-secure voice, fax, and data connectivity; Internet access; and electronic mail. Interoperable communications should provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capability commensurate with an agency's essential functions and activities; • Ability to communicate with COOP contingency staffs, management, and other organizational components; • Ability to communicate with other agencies and emergency personnel; and, • Access to other data and systems necessary to conduct essential activities and functions. |