



Success Story: Helping Vidor Independent School District Rise Above the Water.

During August 2017, Vidor Independent School District faced record amounts of rainfall as Hurricane Harvey stalled over Texas. Receiving over 36 inches of rain in a week, the District confronted catastrophic flooding across its campuses, with two schools sitting in two feet of water and sewage for over five days. Knowing that education provides a stable environment for children during trying times, Vidor ISD needed to find ways to get their students back into classrooms as quickly as possible.

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The District reached out to Disaster Recovery Services (DRS) to discuss options and find viable solutions that could be implemented in a compressed time frame, while meeting FEMA's federal procurement requirements for funding.

Leaning on DRS' expertise and network connections in the area of disaster recovery, Vidor ISD found a successful, FEMA-compatible solution to their problem. Through DRS' Managed Vendor Partner (MVP) Program, the District was able to secure 22 temporary buildings, creating a campus for 1,100 students that was installed and operational within 10 weeks of the loss. DRS was able to source these buildings in a market that was heavily depleted due to the widespread devastation.



In addition, DRS shared extensive knowledge of FEMA's federal procurement standards with Vidor ISD to help ensure that the contracting mechanisms used to secure the temporary campuses met FEMA's requirements for eligibility for 100% reimbursement. DRS also walked Vidor ISD through FEMA's Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) approval process to help ensure that the installation was in compliance with EHP's environmental requirements.

While Vidor ISD found itself in a tough situation following

the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, they were able to find a successful temporary solution through DRS' MVP Program that has allowed them to provide stability to their students while they focus their energy on the long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

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