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Disasters Don't Take Days Off. Neither Does Cotton GDS.

Partner with Cotton and let us be on the wall for you 24/7.

Before our [Cotton Global Disaster Solutions](#) teams initiate the response and recovery phases following a disaster, much activity happens behind the scenes in Cotton's 24/7 Watch Department. Information and speed are key to efficiency in our line of work, and the Cotton Watch team is dedicated to being at the forefront when a disaster strikes. This department is a critical component of our overall disaster mitigation and recovery process and the attention to detail taken in their preparedness efforts are paramount to completing successful projects for our clients.

In disaster scenarios, the environment and conditions can change instantly. Because of this, up-to-the minute information is extremely valuable in planning and preparing your business and employees for disaster. Cotton Watch analyzes risk factors and criteria that have the potential to affect your facilities all around the globe. Through severe weather tracking, social media monitoring, geo plotting our clients' complete property portfolio and utilizing proprietary techniques, Cotton makes it their mission to be ahead of potential danger.

Cotton Watch utilizes state-of-the-art facilities and technology paired with experienced and Cotton-trained personnel to deliver critical information to the Cotton Team and to our clients. In countless situations, Cotton Watch has disseminated their findings about a storm or disaster that have proven to be instrumental in the remediation and rebuilding process.

We want our clients to have the peace of mind that even when they are away from business, or resting their heads at night, Cotton Watch is on the wall for them and always vigilant. Our turnkey solutions start with Cotton Watch, and their value cannot be understated in regards to our projects' success, or to the continuity of your business. If you want to learn more about the proactive capabilities and benefits available through a partnership with Cotton, call us at (877) 511-2962 or visit cottongds.com.



Cotton Logistics Hosts Open House For New West Texas Office

Learn more about our recent expansion!

On May 3rd, [Cotton Logistics](#) celebrated the continued expansion of our oil and gas support operations with an open house to officially commemorate the opening of our West Texas Regional Office. The 8,000 square foot facility, that we've occupied since last year, is located in Odessa, Texas, near many large oil and gas operators and oilfield service companies.

This office serves as the Permian Basin headquarters for the company's (5) OneLodge workforce housing communities in the region and Cotton Culinary's Remote Site and Corporate Catering operations. Cotton Logistics' bed count in the Permian will continue to grow as demand for quality lodging increases. Additional OneLodge facilities are coming online soon and the company is moving more Culinary assets into the region to support the spike in catering requests.

The open house allowed us to not only showcase our new office space to over 70 guests, but also exhibit the multiple service lines Cotton Logistics has to offer. While touring the West Texas office, guests enjoyed live entertainment from DJ Koerber! In addition to demonstrating our capabilities, [Cotton](#)

Culinary was delighted to bring crawfish to the desert by boiling fresh Louisiana crawfish onsite! The good eats didn't stop there; a full assortment of Southern bites and desserts, complete with bread pudding and warm beignets were also part of the celebratory fare.

Cotton Logistics provides a full-suite of remote site services including workforce lodging and catering, site construction and camp management solutions. Whatever the needs of your workforce, Cotton Logistics is capable of providing turn-key solutions to help your business operations run smoothly and without extraneous expenses or stress. If you have operations in West Texas, or in other remote locations world-wide, contact Cotton Logistics today!

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The image features a red banner at the top with the Cotton Culinary logo on the left, which includes the word "COTTON" in a stylized font inside an oval, "CULINARY" below it, and "The Art of Catering" in a smaller font. To the right of the logo, the text "Planning Ahead:" is written in large white letters, followed by "Why to Source Emergency Food Services before Disaster Strikes" in smaller white letters. Below the banner is a photograph of a blue Cotton Culinary food truck with its rear door open. Several people are visible around the truck, and the truck's logo is visible on its side.

Plan Ahead With Cotton Culinary!

Why to source emergency food services before disaster strikes

In support of last year's hurricane recovery operations, Cotton Culinary prepared and served more than 130,000 meals, mobilizing catering assets

across Texas and the Caribbean. Whether you're worried about an impending tropical storm, or the possibility of a lengthy power outage due to a natural or man-made disaster, planning for an emergency has become a part of daily life.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recognizes the critical importance of nutrition in disaster relief areas, providing food to mass feeding sites and shelters in the wake of major natural disasters. But food distribution is just the first step in a lengthy process -- food must be prepared in a sanitary manner, and often in larger quantities than most people are accustomed to.

What Can I Expect from Incident Catering Services?

That's where an [emergency food service](#) company comes into action. Disaster relief catering is a lifesaving service provided by skilled personnel who are highly trained and certified in food safety and emergency management basics.

Following a disaster, you may experience prolonged power outages or unsafe conditions, limiting your ability to prepare food. Cotton Culinary's [emergency catering solutions](#) can be tailored for every unique challenge and operating environment. Along with mobile kitchen trucks and food transport vehicles, Cotton can provide other critical resources such as portable power, toilets, and showers.

According to health care professionals, connecting with other people and returning to your regular eating patterns as soon as possible are two of the best ways to avoid mental anguish and stress following a disaster. A temporary dining area for survivors can be set up, a place that serves both as a sanitary meal site and a community gathering place where survivors can seek support and camaraderie.

Who Benefits from Emergency Catering Services?

[Emergency food provision](#) planning is ideal in many settings, from assisted living homes to hospitals, schools, and other institutions. During a natural disaster, elderly, infirm, and low-income individuals often don't have the capability to evacuate their home or hospital room, forcing them to ride out the

hurricane, earthquake, or other disaster. This portion of the population is the most susceptible to malnutrition in the wake of an emergency.

If you're the owner or a manager of a large company, you may also wish to plan ahead in case of a sudden disaster that occurs during working hours. Having the name of a trusted disaster relief catering service on hand should be part of your company's emergency preparedness plan.

A Trusted and Capable Partner In the Midst of Disaster

Cotton Culinary has been instrumental in the disaster recovery process for numerous clients and incident response scenarios through the provision of critical emergency food services. Their highly capable staff carry multiple certifications and are trained in FEMA's Incident Command System, which focuses on the logistics and organization of disaster relief efforts. Contact Cotton Culinary today to have a trusted catering partner by your side and be prepared for the next disaster.

COTTON'S FINEST



Joe Vasek

**Vice President of
Cotton International**

At Cotton we're always striving to be more effective, efficient, and to better services all our clients in their times of need and put them back in business FAST!

Cotton's Finest

Employee Spotlight on Joe Vasek, Vice President of Cotton International

1. What is your role on the Cotton Team? What are 3 words you'd use to describe it?

My main roles with Cotton are sales and production. Three words - Make It Happen!

2. Where is your favorite place in the world?

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Aside from work, it's a great place to run, surf and find peace.

3. What does "Cottonuity" mean to you?

Cottonuity to me means, working as team will always render better results.

4. How does Cotton go above and beyond for our clients?

Best example – The planning and execution of evacuating one of our client's resorts following a hurricane with literally no notice. Though little we do can be considered "standard", this request was far from our core business. Watching our team working through this challenge and deliver to our client was very satisfying.

5. Tell us something about yourself that might surprise us!

I do actually work in all the exotic locations Cotton sends me!