

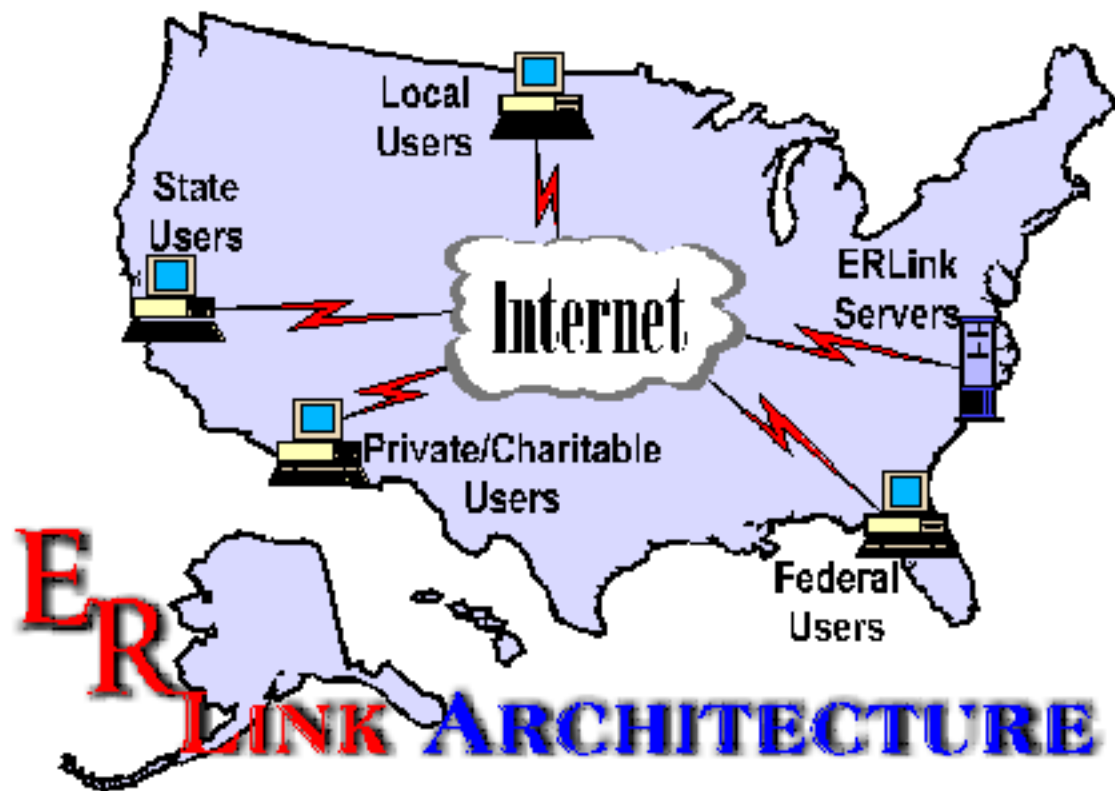
Emergency Response Link

(ERLink)

**The ERLink is
provided by the**



**Office of the Manager,
National Communications System
for exclusive use by the Emergency Response community.
It supports the Federal Response Plan (FRP), as well as
State and local agencies responding to natural disasters and
other domestic emergencies.**



ERLink Benefits

ERLink allows any *validated* Emergency Response (ER) worker in the community to share information needed to support emergency relief efforts, both during an actual event, and in an everyday preparedness environment. The ERLink goal is to improve the effectiveness, speed, and efficiency of the Federal, State and local response to disasters by providing information sharing “at your fingertips”. ERLink features include:

- ⇒ Point-and-click information sharing
- ⇒ A virtual private network with access via the Internet
- ⇒ Restriction to authorized users only
- ⇒ “Sensitive, but Unclassified” information processing
- ⇒ use of existing computer hardware (Windows, Mac, UNIX)
- ⇒ EASY TO USE!!!

Why use ERLink?

- ⇒ **Focal point for information sharing within the ER Community**
- ⇒ **Retrieve information about a disaster from many different sources from your PC, via the Internet, quickly and efficiently**
- ⇒ **Obtain current hurricane information from the National Hurricane Center for the use of the emergency response community**
- ⇒ **Obtain FEMA Daily Reports, supplied for your convenience**
- ⇒ **Post your Agency's Situation Reports for others to share**
- ⇒ **Provide other ERLink Users a direct link to your Agency's Internet Homepage**

Contact Information

Office of the Manager

National Communications System

Attn: Programs Division - ERLink

701 South Court House Road

Arlington, Virginia 22204-2198

Telephone: (703) 607-6126

FAX: (703) 607-4801

E-Mail: ERLink@ncs.gov