



When Hurricane Katrina smashed into New Orleans, she issued a challenge. In a port without infrastructure, we rebuilt.

Hurricane Katrina almost completely destroyed the infrastructure for the Port of New Orleans and Public Belt Railroad, threatening not only commerce but the vital lifelines to the city- road, rail, and waterways. As the leader in Third Party logistics, The Kearney Companies worked with the Port of New Orleans and The Public Belt Railroad to repair and rebuild the Public Belt's vital infrastructure to allow resumption of trade and create an efficient supply chain for the building products necessary to rebuild an entire major American city.

In a city of blue tarps, we delivered the first trainloads of roofing shingles and building materials.

The Kearney Companies went to Fort Worth in February of 2006 to work with the BNSF Railway to move the first carloads of roofing shingles to a beleaguered city and create an efficient supply chain to meet the massive demand in building materials. To many residents, the resumption of train traffic signaled a return to normalcy and became a symbol of recovery.



In a city without workers, we built a community.

Due to the lack of housing, facilitating a return to normal commerce required creation of a small community within the confines of The Kearney Companies' warehouse facilities. We brought in 20 FEMA trailers and provided housing for the families of the workers whose return was critical for the city's success. Housing the workers allowed us to move the materials needed for the city's recovery and to distribute them once they arrived.

In a city seen as irreparable, we restored confidence.

In the months following the storm, The Kearney Companies worked to restore customer and insurance company confidence in the City of New Orleans and its ability to rebound from the disaster through hard work, customer education and constant promotion of the region's resilience. The Kearney Companies and the City of New Orleans stand strong together to face any future challenges with the same drive and dedication.

Moving freight...and New Orleans...forward

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