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JOPLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERCOMES MASSIVE TORNADO DAMAGE



CASE STUDY | JOPLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CHALLENGE

In 2011, an EF-5 tornado struck Joplin, Missouri, damaging over 7,700 homes and businesses. About 20% of Joplin was destroyed, and Joplin School District was among the hardest hit. Joplin School District was among the hardest hit. The tornado destroyed 5 schools, displacing 4,200 students - just 88 days before the start of the new school year.

SOLUTION

Joplin School District asked Witt O'Brien's to be its partner as it responded to this devastating tragedy. We deployed immediately and worked on site to quantify damages, review insurance coverages and prioritize recovery tasks. We teamed with the School District, FEMA and the US Army Corps of Engineers to identify temporary facilities, including modular units and modifications to available structures that could serve as classrooms.

RESILIENCE DELIVERED

With temporary units and modified structures in place, Joplin's school programs were operational within 78 days. We supported 77 FEMA-funded projects valued at \$150 million - and helped the School District win almost \$10 million in additional funding, above and beyond initial cost estimates. By partnering in the community, jobs were created to help Joplin residents help themselves with our expert guidance. The people of the Joplin community had experienced a shock, but thanks to Witt O'Brien's efficient and talented professionals, healing could begin.

WITH YOU WHEN IT COUNTS

Schools and universities have a duty of care to protect their students, faculty, administration and the surrounding community.

We've partnered with over 100 campuses, making more than 2 million students safer. Our clients range from K-12 school systems to the largest US university system - California State University.

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