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I'd like to congratulate 2 software vendors that are known to have backup stations for their customers... DICE and SIMS.

I applaud Cliff and Ken for the foresight and good business sense to provide this service to their customers. Yes, there's been some controversy surrounding the issue of software vendors building stations but in its pure and simple form, it is an important service that is needed. If your station is located in the SE, you know that's true.

For the past two days, I've watched the SDR (SIMS Disaster Recovery) takeover a central in the Mobile area, at the eye of the Hurricane, and is still backing them up as I write this.

I confess I'm Impressed! Impressed by the simplicity of the whole thing and more so, that it works perfectly....

Unless you're one of the very few CS's that operate a fully redundant backup station, the next best solution is to subscribe to your vendor's backup station. If it doesn't have one, encourage them to build one.