

BELFOR Franchise Group Highlights Essential Service Franchises as Technology Reshapes the Workforce

Industry feature explores why hands-on service sectors, from restoration and plumbing to pest control and cleaning, attract entrepreneurs.

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BELFOR Franchise Group, a leading
family of service-based franchise

brands, has published a new article examining why essential service businesses continue to attract interest from entrepreneurs as artificial intelligence and automation reshape the modern workplace.

The article, titled "The Growing Appeal of Essential Service Businesses," explores how AI may continue changing administrative workflows, digital operations and certain office-based tasks, while also underscoring the continued importance of businesses rooted in physical, hands-on service work.

As many industries evaluate how automation will affect the future of work, BELFOR Franchise Group highlights the ongoing relevance of service categories that require trained professionals, local teams and in-person execution. These categories may include restoration, plumbing, pest control, HVAC maintenance, air duct cleaning, commercial cleaning, junk removal, dumpster rental and other property-related services.

"Technology is changing how many businesses operate, but there are still countless situations where people need trained professionals who can physically show up and solve a problem," said Matt O'Rourke, Executive Vice President of Franchise Development at BELFOR Franchise Group. "Whether it is responding to water damage, addressing a plumbing issue, supporting indoor air quality or helping maintain a commercial facility, essential service businesses remain closely connected to real-world needs in local communities."

The article explains that while AI can support scheduling, documentation, communication, and other operational tasks, many essential services still require trained professionals to perform



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hands-on work on-site, whether responding to a flooded basement, repairing a burst pipe, maintaining a building, or servicing commercial equipment.

Businesses tied to skilled trades and practical service categories continue to draw the attention of aspiring business owners. Unlike industries driven primarily by short-term trends, essential service franchises are often connected to property maintenance, safety, repair, restoration and everyday customer needs.

The article outlines several factors contributing to the appeal of essential service businesses, including:

- Continued demand for hands-on, in-person services
- The importance of skilled trades and technical expertise
- The limitations of automation in physical service categories
- Local customer needs tied to homes, businesses and commercial properties
- Entrepreneur interest in service-based business models with long-term relevance

For prospective franchise owners, BELFOR Franchise Group offers opportunities across a range of essential service categories, including restoration, plumbing, air duct cleaning, commercial cleaning, junk removal, pest control and more. Through its family of brands, the company supports entrepreneurs who are exploring business ownership in industries rooted in local service needs and operational execution.

“AI may continue to influence how companies operate behind the scenes, but essential services still depend on people, process and execution,” added O’Rourke. “That is one of the many reasons entrepreneurs are taking a closer look at businesses that provide practical value in their communities.”

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