



## ICOR Forms New Strategic Partnership with BCI

Press Release

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**Lombard, IL USA, January 8, 2013** - - The International Consortium for Organizational Resilience (ICOR), an international non-profit professional development and credentialing organization, has formed an alliance between the BCI, a global institute and professional body for business continuity (BC) practitioners.

ICOR will offer a new type of blended learning, combining the ICOR Essentials of Business Continuity & Implementing ISO 22301 Courses with BCI licensed training material based on the BCI's Good Practice Guidelines (GPG). The GPG is the comprehensive and independent body of knowledge for business continuity and an accepted benchmark against which the knowledge of BC professionals can be examined.

This new blended learning courses will provide a comprehensive education program on business continuity based on recognized good industry practice and prepares individuals for the Certificate of BCI Examination, leading to the internationally recognized CBCI credential. The CBCI provides the knowledge requirement for entry into the highly valued Statutory membership of the BCI.

Additionally, ICOR will offer preferential rates to BCI members on their training portfolio in disciplines complementary to business continuity that form part of ICOR's Resiliency Framework including: crisis management and communications; technical infrastructure; organizational behavior; risk management and insurance; emergency management; facility management; social resilience; legal compliance and audit; and supply chain, logistics and transport management.

This new alliance will allow both BCI members and ICOR students to further benefit from some new training opportunities that will add real value to their professional development. An MOU underpins this alliance.

Lorraine Darke, Executive Director at the BCI comments: "*We are really excited to be working in partnership with ICOR and see great potential for significant growth for both organizations. This alliance marks an important step in promoting the business continuity profession and supporting the growth of this vital industry.*"

Lynnda M. Nelson, President at the International Consortium for Organizational Resilience

(ICOR) comments: "*ICOR's mission is to 'build resilient communities one organization at a time' and the implementation of business continuity management systems is an essential element of building a resilient organization. BCI's GPG support the knowledge the BCM professional needs to implement ISO 22301 in the organization. The BCI CBCI credential is recognized by ICOR as fulfilling the ICOR certification requirements in the discipline of Business Continuity Management. We believe the alliance between BCI and ICOR will be of great value to practitioners globally.*"

### **ABOUT THE BUSINESS CONTINUITY INSTITUTE**

The Business Continuity Institute (BCI) was established in 1994 to enable individual members to obtain guidance and support from fellow business continuity practitioners. The BCI currently has over 8000 members in 100+ countries active in an estimated 3000 organizations.

The BCI is the world's most eminent BCM institute and our name is instantly recognized as standing for good practice and professionalism. We deliver a wide range of products, services and initiatives to support our members and the wider business continuity community including:

- Publishing - including the BCI Good Practice Guidelines and Continuity magazine
- Business Continuity Training
- Conferences, Workshops and Webinars
- Research Reports
- Organising Business Continuity Awareness Week
- International Chapters and Forums for networking

The BCI Partnership offers corporate membership enabling organizations to work more closely with the Business Continuity Institute to deliver the overall BCI purpose of: Promoting the art and science of business continuity worldwide.

### **ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCE**

ICOR ([www.theICOR.org](http://www.theICOR.org)), headquartered in Lombard, IL USA, is an international non-profit professional development and credentialing organization that provides professional development, certification, thought-leadership, and the latest in research and industry trends in the disciplines that support resilience.

ICOR addresses the evolving needs of business, government, non-governmental agencies, and society to improve their resilience and viability as individual organizations and within the larger community.

### ***Embedding Culture and Systems of Organizational Resilience***

ICOR's University identifies 10 disciplines that support organizational resilience and has developed its education and credentialing program around these 10 disciplines. ICOR's multi-level credentialing program complements and supports its educational program and addresses entry level to existing practitioners to senior business and government leadership. With global campuses, ICOR offers standards-based, education and credentialing in:

- Auditing of Management Systems
- Business Continuity Management
- Crisis Management & Communications
- Data Center Facility Management
- Emergency Management
- Organizational Resilience
- Risk Management
- Social & Personal Resilience
- Supply Chain Risk Management

ICOR's courses are offered via traditional instructor-led, "live" elearning, and self-study elearning. ICOR's Certificate Program is ANSI Accredited.

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