

Embedding the culture and systems of organizational resilience

ICOR Trains NY State Agencies in Business Continuity Management

Lombard, IL February 17, 2010 - - The International Consortium for Organizational Resilience (ICOR), an international non-profit professional development and credentialing organization, partnered with the **New York State Forum, Inc.**, to train 25 New York State employees responsible for and/or actively involved in business continuity planning in their respective New York state agencies.

The 3 day program offered Feb. 2-4, 2010, provided the knowledge needed to develop an actionable business continuity program for state agencies and provides the foundation necessary for new and current professionals interested in seeking business continuity certification and/or a career in a business continuity program in their own state organization.

The Forum and ICOR are non-profit educational organizations that joined in this endeavor to address what has been in the planning by The Forum's Business Continuity Work Group for several years.

Gregory Benson, NYS Forum Executive Director, indicated that "this seminar was the culmination of work that was initiated and spanned several years when business continuity was consistently ranked as a first priority by Forum membership. The persistence of those associated with The Forum's Business Continuity Work Group, in particular our previous Chair Tom Luther, the current Work Group leadership and members, and the ICOR commitment to working with us, all contributed to making this first seminar a success. We are hopeful that we can offer more of these valuable seminars in the future."

"ICOR was honored to be chosen to provide education and training to the New York State Agencies," said Lynnda Nelson, President of ICOR. "The partnership that led to developing a course specifically shaped by The Forum's Business Continuity Work Group is a fine example of how practical education and training needs can drive the creation of programs that are fully addressed to meet those needs."

About the Training: Organizational Resilience - The BCM Component

Organizational Resilience: The BCM Component is a course designed for those new to business continuity looking for an introduction to BCM, those responsible for developing and managing a BCM program, or for senior management responsible for providing support for the BCM program in their organization. It can be offered in 2, 3, 4, or 5 day formats. A self-study version is also available. To learn more click here.

The purpose of this course is to provide attendees with the knowledge necessary to develop and then manage a successful BCM program. Included throughout the course are audit points and guidelines for the evaluation and measurement of BCM program essentials.

The course is organized around BS 25999 parts 1 and 2 and DRII's Professional Practices for Business Continuity Planners. For those interested in certification, Organizational Resilience: The BCM Component will conclude with certification exam. In addition, the course prepares participants for certification by BCI and DRII.



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About ICOR - - Embedding Culture and Systems of Organizational Resilience

ICOR (<u>www.theICOR.org</u>), 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 resiliency.

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

About NYS Forum

The New York State Forum (<u>www.nysforum.org</u>) is a network of state and local government organizations and information technology leaders and professionals concerned with information management, policy, and operations.

The mission of the New York State Forum is to promote policies and practices for effective, equitable and secure use and management of information resources in New York State government at all levels.

Contact ICOR to learn more about how to bring this valuable training to your organization!

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