The ABC's of Business Continuity Planning

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Session Abstract

This is an introductory course that lays the foundation for understanding how to design, implement and test an effective Business Continuity Program. In doing so, the session will focus on the following areas:

1. Business Continuity Stats
    a. Draw on current and past studies highlight relevant statistics related to outages, ability to recover and consequences to a business
2. Dispelling BCP Fallacies
    a. Define what is not BCP
    b. Define what is BCP
3. Alphabet Soup
    a. Define various terminology related to BCP
        i. e.g. RPO, RTO, DR, etc.
4. BCP Implementation Process
    a. Business Impact Analysis
    b. Disaster Recovery Planning
    c. Business Continuity Planning
    d. Testing and Evaluation
    e. Plan Revision
5. Trends in BCP
    a. Push to Cloud Computing and SaaS
        i. How has this changed recovery strategies

Target Audience

Individuals interested in gaining an understanding of how recovery strategies are developed and implemented. This may include:
- Financial Auditors
- IT Auditors
- IT Professionals.

COBIT Objectives

N/A

Speaker Bio

Jeremy A. Sucharski has over 12 years of experience in audit and consulting with a strong focus on SOX, SOC audits and information security consulting. Jeremy currently leads the Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) and SOC audit practices at Armanino McKenna. Prior to joining AMLLP, Jeremy worked in the Deloitte ERS practice focusing in IT Internal Audit. Prior to Deloitte, Jeremy spent several years with the Federal Government in various finance and IT-related positions.

Throughout his career, Jeremy has focused on assisting clients in designing processes and controls that strike the proper balance between the need to protect a company while not being unduly onerous and restricting their ability to innovate. Jeremy has served clients in a variety of industries including transportation, high technology and consumer products.