



# Next Generation Continuity Software

## COOP Consulting Announces Spring COOP Certified Course Schedule

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RESTON, Va./EWorldWire/March 10, 2003 --- COOP Consulting ([www.coop-consulting.com](http://www.coop-consulting.com)) today announced a final public schedule for its Spring series of certified Continuity of Operations training courses in the DC area, starting on March 24. Since the start of its training series in mid-2002, done in conjunction with DRI International ([www.drii.org](http://www.drii.org)), students have been taught from nine federal agencies, including large-scale programs with two early responder agencies. COOP Consulting's training, delivered in both private and public venues by certified trainers, has three formats for clients.

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The basic curriculum is done in four parts, each 2 1/2 days, and is focused on inexperienced continuity planners.

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An advanced program covers the same material for more experienced professionals, and takes a week.

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An exam preparation course lasting a total of 2 1/2 days is geared for very experienced continuity planners. All three curriculums end with a certification test, to enable participants to join the world-wide body of certified continuity planning professionals, as administered by the DRI International.

"Considering the long decision times traditional in government procurement, and the lack of new budget money, we've been pleasantly surprised by the number of federal agencies sending people to our classes," said Chris Alvord, CEO of COOP Consulting. "It speaks to the quality of the courses, at a time when agencies are trying to improve their COOP planning process."

### THE COURSE OFFERINGS

A link to [www.coop-consulting.com/what/certified.htm](http://www.coop-consulting.com/what/certified.htm) gives access to downloads of course descriptions and the 2003 public schedule.

There are many advantages to COOP training:

#### Certified

All courses lead toward continuity plan certification. By taking these courses, students are on track to join a fraternity of thousands of like-minded professionals.

#### Customized

Material is fit to the special vocabulary and process requirements of both public sector and private sector clients.

#### Complete

Six courses serve all classes of planners from beginners to experienced.

#### Convenient

A call to the COOP scheduler at 703.467.0574 will instantly schedule students for a course, using MasterCard, Visa or American Express credit cards.

#### Local

In the DC area in public venues, or by prior arrangement at clients' locations anywhere in the United States.

Quality

All instructors are DRII certified trainers, using course content taught to over 10,000 students in the US alone.

ABOUT COOP CONSULTING - - Planning from Experience?

COOP Consulting ([www.coop-consulting.com](http://www.coop-consulting.com)), headquartered in Reston, VA, focuses exclusively on Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Business Continuity (BCP) plans and related services. This includes exceptional software, certified training, and experienced staff. The company operates as a Woman-Owned Small Business for contracting purposes. COOP has three assets covering all the needs of an institution's continuity planning program:

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Consultants - - certified and experienced in industry-standard methods and procedures.

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Certified Training - - six modules licensed from DRI International ([www.drii.org](http://www.drii.org)) as part of their certified planners program, taught in private or public classroom settings or over the Web.

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Software - - continuity planning team software, developed with Microsoft using Web-based collaborative portal technology.

Experienced staff and alliance partners are focused on the special challenges of helping institutions plan for the rapid restoration of their operations from disasters, minimizing losses and speeding recovery.

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