



Business Continuity Planning & Risk Assessment Services

Equipment Damage Consultants provides Business Continuity Planning (BCP) consulting services with a focus on the initiation of a Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) for our clients. These services, conducted by a Certified Business Continuity Planner (CBCP), include the DRP initiation and project management, IT and telecommunications network risk evaluation and control strategies, and additional steps (a modified business impact analysis) towards the development of a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan within a well defined Disaster Recovery Program. These services also focus on continuity strategies to identify and resolve network and computer application single points of failure, as well as to determine network vulnerabilities through a review of the telecommunications and computing network architecture.

Integral to the Disaster Recovery Program is our physical risk assessment of the specified location providing a comprehensive list of identified risks and other findings and recommendations to support risk management options, disaster avoidance and business recovery planning by the client.

Equipment Damage Consultants has found that defining and estimating the cost for a BCP plan writing project beyond the pre-planning stages of the DRPII Continuity Planning Process (project initiation, risk evaluation and business impact analysis) is often misleading and can lead to unreasonable added costs and expectations. This is because it is impossible to understand, let alone define, the scope of the business continuity strategies, the writing of an emergency response plan, the writing of the complete disaster recovery plan, the development of crisis communications, plan exercising and plan maintenance; until a DRP structure is firmly established within the client's corporation. The DRP structure can only be established once a project is initiated, a risk assessment is conducted and a modified business impact analysis is completed.

Equipment Damage Consultants does not utilize "canned" disaster recovery software or systems. We meet the individual needs of our clients and develop a customized Disaster Recovery Program designed for the unique business needs and network architecture of the individual corporation.

DRP Project Methodology:

1. Proposed kick-off meeting agenda and an initial question list mailed to client contact
2. Kick-off meeting
3. Interviews and Network Review
4. Physical Risk Assessment of the site
5. Physical Risk Assessment spreadsheet report
6. Delivery of draft mission statement, objective, proposed DRP structure, action plans, risk control strategies and business continuity plan strategies for comment and further discussion
7. Follow up meeting on results and additional interviews
8. Final report documenting the results of the risk assessment and detailing the path forward, including estimated costs for the DRP project continuation, including instituting business continuity strategies, writing of the emergency response (disaster recovery) plan and writing of the business continuity plan(s).