

The logo for COOP Consulting features a large, stylized 'C' on the left, composed of concentric teal and grey arcs. To its right, the letters 'C O O P' are displayed in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. The 'P' is partially cut off on the right edge of the image.

Next Generation Continuity Software

COOP Consulting Announces Training Partnership With Graduate School, USDA

For Immediate Release

MCLEAN, Va./EWorldWire/April 20, 2004 --- COOP Consulting (www.coop-consulting.com) today announced its nationwide training partnership for Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) courses with the USDA Grad School (<http://grad.usda.gov/coop>). Courses have already been held this spring in DC and San Francisco. New dates have been scheduled starting on June 14, 2004 and going through the 2004-2005 school year.

"COOP Consulting has taught students in public and private formats from dozens of federal, military and state institutions. We have become the preeminent supplier of COOP training programs to the government. Especially gratifying has been the large number of agencies taught, the repeat business, and the high grades we receive for teaching," said Chris Alvord, CEO of COOP Consulting. "We are pleased to extend our offerings more widely through this partnership with the Graduate School, USDA."

"The COOP course is directed toward building a comprehensive and viable COOP program that an organization needs to continue essential operations following a disaster," said Robert Grossman of the Graduate School, USDA. "It is intended for project managers, operations managers and officers, emergency managers, IT managers, and individuals with some experience in the continuity planning process."

About COOP Consulting - Planning from Experience(TM)

COOP Consulting (www.coop-consulting.com), headquartered in Reston, VA, focuses exclusively on the Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Business Continuity (BCP) process and related services. Offerings include exceptional software, 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:

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

* *Training* - - taught in private or public classroom settings.

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

The company's 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.

About Graduate School, USDA

The Graduate School offers career-related and continuing education courses to professionals and federal, state

and local employees throughout the country. The School annually enrolls 200,000 students in nearly 1000 courses, available in a variety of subjects and convenient formats.

The General Services Administration (GSA) has approved the Graduate School, USDA under Federal Supply Schedule 69, contract number is GS-02F-0107N. The GSA has also awarded the school approval under Federal Supply Schedule 874, Management, Organization, and Business Improvement Services (MOBIS), contract number GS-010F-0228P. The Graduate School is also registered with the Department of Defense Centralized Contractor Register, CAGE/FSCM Code 06AP3.

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