



# Next Generation Continuity Software

## COOP Consulting Releases Version 2.1 of myCOOP? Continuity Planning Software

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Reston, VA/EWORLDWIRE/November 20, 2002 --- COOP Consulting ([www.coop-consulting.com](http://www.coop-consulting.com)) today announced Version 2.1 of myCOOP? continuity planning software, developed in partnership with Microsoft using Web-based collaborative portal technology. The new version includes two new options:

- \* AutoPlan? - - allows the rapid creation of continuity plans for smaller facilities in an enterprise by simply filling out a survey.
- \* Notify? - - pushes short lists of immediate response tasks to recovery teams on their Blackberry or similar devices.

myCOOP? leverages Microsoft's Team Services software to deliver an unprecedented ease of use and exceptional value at a very low cost for all types of contributors to Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Business Continuity Plan (BCP) projects. A simple browser gives access to all continuity planning views and functions needed for teams, including management of documents, contact lists, surveys, discussions, links, search, and tasks.

"Recent feedback from clients, combined with powerful Microsoft tools, has enabled us to quickly create the new AutoPlan? and Notify? functions at a very low cost," said Chris Alvord, CEO of COOP Consulting. "It's a tribute to the flexibility of the myCOOP? design, allowing the rapid addition of very useful planning team functions."

### THE OFFERING

A link to [http://www.coop-consulting.com/what/mycoop\\_software.htm](http://www.coop-consulting.com/what/mycoop_software.htm) is available to download a demo and product specification of myCOOP?, showing the following functional architecture:

- \* Any Platform Access - - 100% of the access to myCOOP? is from your PC using a Microsoft IE browser on a Windows or Apple client.
- \* Summary Home Page - - all myCOOP? functions are accessible from the myCOOP? Home Page, tailored for an institution's look and feel.
- \* Navigation - - as simple as with Yahoo or AOL.
- \* Putting Documents Into Plans - - drag-and-drop any Word, Excel, FrontPage or PowerPoint document into a plan folder.
- \* Surveys - - quickly create, distribute, collect, and analyze results of surveys and questionnaires.
- \* Contacts - - lists imported (from Outlook) or exported (to Excel).
- \* Tasks - - action items for planning teams assigned and tracked to completion.
- \* Discussions - - multi-threaded discussion topics can be quickly launched, and (as needed) linked to

documents.

- \* Announcements & Events - - information about team activities and plans is managed, with notification of changes by subscription.
- \* Search - - search engine for all documents of all types.
- \* Links - - useful Internet sites are listed on the Home Page.
- \* Integration & Customization tools - - includes custom list creation, work flow, and XML.

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

Our 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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