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Highly experienced, motivated, IT specialist in 'Disaster Recovery' (DR), 'Service Continuity' (SC) and 'Business Continuity' (BC) who is also a qualified Project Manager with excellent written and verbal communicative ability supported by a technical background. Over twenty five years experience in the IT industry working for several blue chip, multi-national corporations involved in Manufacturing, Petro-chemicals, Aviation, Insurance, Investment and Finance. Good track record in delivery and innovative solutions. Interested in continuous development, completed post graduate level academic and professional qualifications.

KEY SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Disaster Recovery: 10+ years

- Created DR testing strategy and waiver policy for division of a major Oil & Gas corporation's application portfolio.
 - Introduced standards for new developments.
 - Waiver policy for business acceptable risks.
 - Instigated monitoring and MI reporting procedures.
 - Instigated and conducted DR Gap analysis exercise resulting in recommendations for improved DR provisions.
 - Highlighted potential risks and focus for application technical design.
 - Member of DR council for BC and DR across large Oil and Gas Corporation.
 - Created standards for DR testing and Risk acceptance.
 - Directed planning and policy for DR and BC for a division of a multi national Oil and Gas corporation.
 - Co-ordinated business and IT concerns to deliver appropriate solutions for major bank.
 - Project Managed handover of a data centre for major commercial banking concern of the DR capability to a third party support organisation.
 - Planned and implemented the migration of mainframe, tandem, UNIX, and AS400 hardware and application components to 3rd party DR organisation.
 - Successfully planned and conducted Full data centre test for major bank.
 - Enabled reduction in recovery of critical applications from 36 to 2 hours through adoption of new backup technology.
 - All work delivered to time and budget constraints on all projects.
 - Facilitated the negotiations between multiple business areas to stage a joint DR site test for a major bank.
 - Defined the processes and conducted requirements gathering for BC / DR co-ordination to ensure appropriate DR for business needs for Oil and Gas corporation.
 - PM workstream with outsourced support organisations to ensure efficient and standard recovery of critical applications (Oil & Gas)
 - Conducted DRP review, highlighted several gaps and co-ordinated action plans to remediate (Oil & Gas).
 - PM for the risk analysis and mitigation for all divisions of Oil and Gas corporation.
 - Recommendations submitted to board for consideration on possible improvements to DRP's for housing corporation.

- Created a DRP for a major FMCG concern.
- Full DR test and post test review cycle conducted for major bank.

Business Continuity: 10+ years

- Pandemic Response Planning for division of Oil and Gas corporation.
 - Devised and implementing tests for Pandemic Response scenarios
 - Designed BC departmental Plan (template) for a leading Building Society.
 - Subsequent rollout to 100+ sections / teams.
 - Provided 'Quality Assurance' in relation to Business Continuity documentation.
 - Report on quality of existing plans for Oil and Gas corporation.
 - Defined recommendations for Improved provisions.
 - Attended Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Workshops on behalf of major Oil & Gas corporation at VP level.
- Created a BC testing strategy for a multiple business unit site for a financial institution.
 - Delivered the standard template later used for other sites within the bank.
 - Devised communications strategy for emergency situations for Oil & Gas Corporation.
 - Automated call cascade and staff availability system.
 - Created environment and processes to enable management response facilities.
 - Documentation and process aids (wallet cards) for all staff during a major business issue for Oil and Gas corporation.

Service Continuity 5+ years

- Designed, implemented and conducted 'Business Impact Analysis' strategy for a major financial institution.
 - Analysed risks identified from user requirements to implement a remote work area recovery solution for financial institution.
 - Created a Work Area Recovery Plan to cover the first 90 days following a major incident.
 - Delivered a remote 'Crisis Management' facility for a building society enabling senior management, and support teams (Group Comms., HR, Desktop support, Information Security and others) to use in event of a disaster at their national headquarters.
 - Risk Analysis and resultant co-ordination of the provision (testing and post test reviews) of DR /BC services with third party suppliers for major financial institution.
 - Risk management for a major bank involving analysis of all third parties BC / DR provision of services to the bank i.e. if an incident happened to BT what effect would this have on the bank.
 - Identifying risk exposure.
 - Negotiating risk mitigation.
 - Recommended revised contracted provisions.

Project Management 5+ years

- Design a revised IT testing environment for a major insurance company.
 - Facilitated data centre migration of DR provision for a National Banking corporation.
 - Design and Implementation of a Recovery Centre for a Building Society.
 - Disaster Recovery migration to 3rd Party data centre
 - Review of essential suppliers services to a major bank.

- Introduced a DR site testing strategy for a major bank.
- Prince2 qualified (Practitioner).
- Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management (Open University, ISEB recognised).

IT Technical Background 20+ years

- Mainframe Shift Operations for Aviation corporation.
 - Operations Shift manager for FMCG, Financial institutions, Aviation corporation and major supplier of IT (IBM).
 - Operations Technical Support for FMCG.

Education

BA Degree (Open University)
 Post graduate diploma in Project Management (Open University)
 City and Guilds in Visual Basics

Professional Associations

BCI (Business Continuity Institute)
 PCG (Professional Contractors Group)
 ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library)
 Prince2 (Project Management)

Career Summary

DR / BC Consultant, BP	July 2007 - Dec 2009
DR Consultant / PM, Britannia Building Society	Jan 2007 - July 2007
BC Consultant, McCarthy & Stone	Nov 2006
IT Consultant, JPMorgan Chase	Jan 2006 - Aug 2006
PM, RBS Insurance	Oct 2005 - Jan 2006
IT Consultant, JPMorgan Chase	Sep 2003 - Sep 2005
DR Consultant, Barclays Bank	Nov 2002 - Sep 2003
IT Consultant, JPMorgan Chase	Jun 2002 - Nov 2002
DR Consultant, Barclays Bank	Sep 2001 - Jun 2002
IT Consultant, JPMorgan Chase	Apr 2001 - Sep 2001
DR Consultant, Barclays Bank	Nov 2000 - Apr 2001
IT Consultant, Clear stream	Jun 2000 - Nov 2000
IT Consultant, IBM	1997 to 2000
Tech Team Lead, American Express	1995 to 1997
Ops Shift Lead, Tech Support, Mars (ISI)	1985 to 1995
Technical roles e.g. Operations & Analysis, British Airways	1979 to 1985

Date of Birth 26th November 1960

