

**The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board [ANAB] has all the information on the website in the Preparedness section “ANAB Accreditation for Private Sector Preparedness Voluntary Certification (PS-Prep™)” <http://www.anab.org/accreditation/preparedness.aspx>**

Your chapter members should at least be familiar with the underlying requirement for PS Prep: “Under an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, ANAB has developed a program to oversee the certification process, manage accreditation, and accredit qualified third parties to carry out certifications of private sector entities for disaster preparedness, emergency management, and business continuity. Certification bodies can be accredited for any or all of the designated PS-Prep standards: ASIS SPC.1, BS 25999-2, and NFPA 1600.”

Any Certification Body auditor has to take an ANSI accredited course in order to be a PS Prep Auditor and must work for a Certification Body.

There are a couple of additional ways that your chapter members can get ahead of the curve on these issues. I have attached 2 press releases about ANSI **Accredited ICOR Certificate Programs BCM 5000: [Auditing BCM Programs](#) BCM 4050: [Business Continuity Maturity Model](#)** training. The good news is the training can be held local to your chapter. If the chapter assists with the venue, often there can be a reduction in price or other financial consideration.

I am one of the instructors. So, you say, why should we even believe these might be good courses? First: ANSI Accredited Certificate Programs. Second, the instructors are from the field: I have been a member of ISACA since 2000, am a former Chapter President, host of the Western Region Presidents Council meeting and a former Internal Auditor for Intel Corporation. Third: the instructors are from the field [I know I already said that], I am one of the first members of the Board for NEDRIX when it was founded 20+ years ago, I have been associated with multiple Business Continuity groups, I am a member of the Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter of ACP and a former Business Continuity Program Manager for Intel Corporation before I retired. I learned about the public version of the Business Continuity Maturity Model® back in 2004 when we used it at Intel. I have become a trained Assessor on both V1 and V2 as well as an instructor.

Participants who have successfully completed the 2-day BCMM® training program are trained in the methodology of performing both review and audit level assessments using the Business Continuity Maturity Model® and may also be allowed to conduct PS-Prep™ Audits for PS-Prep™ first party self-declaration for small businesses (once DHS determines this criteria) as well as be prepared to conduct a self-assessment in preparation for a third-party external audit for PS-Prep™ certification.

If you think this might be of interest to your chapter please contact me or to learn more about ICOR courses, PS-Prep Certification, or to answer any other questions, please contact Lynnda Nelson at [Lynnda@theicor.org](mailto:Lynnda@theicor.org) Phone at [866-765-8321](tel:866-765-8321) or [+1630-705-0910](tel:+1630-705-0910) or visit the website at [www.theicor.org](http://www.theicor.org).

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