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## The Next CRMC ACP Members Meeting

**Friday, November 21, 2008**

**1st TOPIC:** "Business Continuity meets IT: Confessions of a Geek". The IT Admin Perspective on IT related BC/DR issues. The presentation will highlight some examples and personal experiences with IT related disasters; as well as some of the key components to ensuring continuity and recoverability.

**SPEAKER:**

- John Hsin; President, bluedot\*IT

**2nd TOPIC:** Adventures in Property Restoration. When done correctly, your property restoration firm is one of your best allies in ensuring business continuity. Tracey McDonough will update us on some of the disasters BELFOR has responded to in the last few years and share lessons learned on how a collaborative effort saved the day and the enterprise.

**SPEAKER:**

- Tracey McDonough, ABCP; Regional Marketing Director, BELFOR Property Restoration

**LOCATION:** Johnson & Wales University  
Building #14 - College of Culinary Arts, Dick Saunders Dining Room  
1895 Quebec  
visitor parking is on the corner of 18th and Oneida

**Campus Map:**

<http://www.jwu.edu/content.aspx?id=19848&linkidentifier=id&itemid=19848>

\* meeting starts at noon with **free lunch**.

**Please RSVP for lunch to [barbara.collier@level3.com](mailto:barbara.collier@level3.com)**

**Agenda:**

noon -1:15 Lunch, networking  
1:15 - 1:30 Networking, break, registration  
1:30 - 1:45 Chapter news and election results  
1:45 - 2:30 John Hsin presentation  
2:30 - 2:45 Networking break  
2:45 - 3:30 Tracey McDonough presentation

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### *What's New on The Web* Check it out.

- **Employment Section** - We now have an area to post Resumes as well as job listings and Consulting resources.
- **Education** - Security, Networking, Virtualization Seminar in Denver, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Trivia Facts



- The dollar symbol (\$) is a U combined with an S (U.S.)
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- The Statue of Liberty's tablet is two feet thick.
- The slogan on New Hampshire license plates is 'Live Free or Die'. These license plates are manufactured by prisoners in the state prison in Concord

### Some New Web Resources

[Below are some new or updated Internet resources we have discovered. For an extensive list of useful Web sites dealing with hazards, see [www.colorado.edu/hazards/resources/](http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/resources/).]

#### [Wildfire Information Portal](#)

Firewatchers will soon have the best of the Web at their fingertips, thanks to an upcoming site that promises to aggregate information from social networking sites such as YouTube and Flickr, as well as wildfire reports from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the InciWeb wildfire incident information site, and Geospatial Multi-Agency Coordination (GeoMac) wildfire support. This beta version gives a glimpse of how the NASA-funded effort will flow together to provide easy access to wildfire data.

#### [NOAA's Arctic Report Card 2008](#)

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's yearly report card continues to provide information on the effects of climate change in the Arctic. This year's report shows

evidence of warming in three areas—atmosphere, sea ice, and Greenland’s surface melt—and mixed evidence in the areas of biology, ocean, and land. A summary of each area and links to related essays are included.

### **[Climate and Disaster Governance](#)**

The Climate and Disaster Governance program was created to allow collaboration and information sharing that will help communities be more resilient to climate change and disasters. The site has areas for downloading research, news and events, and will offer scholarships (application deadline is December 19) of up to \$1,000.

### **[Drop! Cover! Hold On!](#)**

This Great Southern California Shakeout-related site links to important information on how to participate in what’s been billed as the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history, but even more fun is the site’s interactive *Beat the Quake* game. The game gives players the responsibility for securing items in a room and seeing where they fall after a quake strikes. Information on how to beat real quakes is also provided.

### **[Delinquent Mortgages, Swimming Pools, and West Nile Virus](#)**

The U.S. financial crisis seems to be spawning more than panicked investors and fiscal angst. According to this report in *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, it’s also partly responsible for a 276 percent increase of human West Nile Virus cases in the Bakersfield, California, area. The area’s failing housing market—with delinquencies up 300 percent this year—is credited for creating a new mosquito-friendly habitat in the untended swimming pools of foreclosed homes.

### **[Emergency Management Network](#)**

Emergency preparedness junkies might soon be able to leave MySpace and LinkedIn behind, now that there’s a social networking site devoted to them. The Emergency Management Network community is just getting off the ground, but the site has areas for news, discussion forums, sharing photos and videos, blogging, and live chat.

## Study: Airports Vulnerable

By EILEEN SULLIVAN • Associated Press Writer • October 17, 2008

WASHINGTON -- The government has not been able to keep track of all the airport security uniforms and badges it issues, which makes secure areas in airports vulnerable to terrorists posing as authorized officials, according to an internal review released today.

The Homeland Security Department's inspector general looked at five airports across the country from October 2006 through June 2007. The IG found major deficiencies in the Transportation Security Administration's ability to keep track of uniforms, particularly after an employee leaves the job.

Many details in the report were redacted for security reasons, such as which five airports the inspector general audited. The IG found there were four instances where TSA did not report to the badge office that a screener had been fired from the agency. These former screeners had active badges for up to 212 days until the inspector general notified officials about the problem.

Five other screeners had active badges from 97 to 827 days after they no longer needed to access secure areas, the report found. In 63 other instances reviewed by the inspector general, TSA had not immediately told badge offices to deactivate the badges when the employees left the agency.

Responding to the report, TSA spokesman Christopher White said the agency made changes to increase oversight of uniforms, badges and identification in April, particularly with the badges allowing access to the most secure parts of an airport. Currently an employee with access to these secure areas must relinquish his badge as part of his exit clearance, White said. If the employee does not comply, the employee could face civil penalties.

More than 420 uniforms and identification cards issued to security screeners at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport were lost or stolen between 2001 and 2007, according to Transportation Security Administration records. The number peaked in 2003, when 128 uniforms and 31 identity badges disappeared.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has said the al-Qaida terrorist network continues to focus on the aviation system as a target. He said the Bush administration has made strides in reducing the nation's vulnerability but that the risk remains.

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The TSA, formed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, employs 43,000 airport screeners at 450 airports across the country.

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