

Continuity Council Awards and Recognition Program

In compliance with (National Security Presidential Directive NSPD 51/Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD-20 and Federal Continuity Directives 1 and 2 federal, tribal, state, and local organizations are expected to identify mission essential functions/services and have a plan to continue providing those services during times of disaster. Private sector organizations also recognize the value of ensuring continued operations during time of disaster and have well developed continuity of operations plans.

The Continuity Council Awards and Recognition Program was established to recognize continuity programs in all types of organizations for their organization's efforts to improve continuity for their organization and to increase preparedness for the whole community. The recognition program acknowledges the hard work by continuity practitioners, leadership, and all staff in organizations to make their continuity programs a success.

Organizations may submit their application for all applicable awards via the provided links below. Organizations receiving an award will be acknowledged on the SORM-sponsored Continuity Council website and at the Continuity Symposium.

Recognition Awards

The Continuity Program Awards and Recognition will be awarded to all programs who meet the award criteria and fill out the required application. The Continuity Council intends to review applications and grant awards on a yearly basis at the annual Continuity Symposium. Organizations who have won the award will be highlighted on the SORM-sponsored Continuity Council website.

Continuity Program Preparedness Award

Apply at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=E3yaPktoXkORNXBakKmhCUL7JcfoGEFNkNUbc4QcjGZUQ1IJNkFaOTZSMUhCUIRLSOY3MUIFVfdBWC4u>

Organizations must verify the following criteria are being met:

1. Must have a designated continuity practitioner.
2. The continuity practitioner must have a continuity certification such as the Professional Continuity Practitioner Certification from FEMA, the Business Continuity Certificate (BCLE or BCP) from Disaster Recovery International (DRII), or other similar organization.
3. The organization must have a continuity plan which is updated at least yearly.
4. The organization must conduct a yearly exercise and After-Action Review (AAR).

Continuity Program of Excellence Award

Apply at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=E3yaPktoXkORNXBakKmhCUL7JcfoGEFNkNUbc4QcjGZUOVJZQjk0UkQ3RUM1T1BZR0lxNFpVTUIxSS4u>

Must meet all the requirements of the Preparedness Award and have the following:

1. The continuity practitioner must have a master level certification in continuity such as the FEMA Master Continuity Practitioner certificate or the DRII Advanced Continuity certification (MBCP).
2. The continuity practitioner must have at least one other certification in a related field such as emergency management, risk management, cybersecurity, disaster recovery, public health, project management, etc.
3. The continuity program must conduct at least one full scale exercise every 4 years.
4. The continuity program must demonstrate an active improvement action program where After-Action Report findings are actively implemented, and processes improved.