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April 2009 - MHA Teaches
at the Spring DRJ
Conference in Orlando FL.

September 2009 - MHA
Teaches at the Fall DRJ
Conference in San Diego
CA

**Michael Herrera &
Barry Pruitt BCP
Instructional DVD's**

Best Practices & the BIA

Michael,

MHA Consulting is always looking for ways to improve its partnership with its clients. We hope that you find this newsletter insightful as well as a tool to improve your business. Contact us anytime at 602-708-1718 or visit our website at www.mha-it.com. Enjoy the newsletter.

• **Successfully Executing Your Next Disaster Recovery Exercise**

Successfully executing your next disaster recovery exercise requires that you prepare well before the event. Advance planning and preparation is a prerequisite to success:

1. Begin planning at least 60 to 90 days prior to the exercise date.
2. Document a Pre-Exercise Plan outlining the scope, assumptions, objectives, list of systems/applications to be recovered and required participants.
3. Determine the breakthrough and stretch objectives for each system and application.
4. Ensure the security of all data and information to be used during the recovery exercise.
5. Identify the Recovery Exercise Coordinators who will manage and facilitate the exercise.
6. Document a detailed exercise task list for Recovery Exercise Coordinators to follow during the exercise.
7. Ensure that exercise participants document issues and updates to their recovery plans.
8. Hold regular briefing sessions with participants and management to review exercise progress.
9. Hold post exercise briefing sessions to review the success and opportunities for improvement .
10. Forecast the next exercise based on the results.

Fast Practice to Build Your
BCPs

Managing Projects in a BCP
Environment

Risk, Assess, Mitigate &
Protect

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• **Is Your Current Method of Disaster Recovery Exercises Obsolete?**

In today's complex data processing environments, it is critical that recovery exercises mirror the complex integration of the production environment. Gone are the days of achieving success when you successfully recovered systems and applications in a standalone fashion. Today's systems and applications must be quickly moved from in-house recovery to full business process exercises:

1. In-House Recovery - If available, recover the system or application in-house before going to the alternate site.
2. Standalone Recovery - Recover the system or application by itself and validate its functionality.
3. Integrated Recovery - Bring several upstream and downstream systems or applications together and validate operation..
4. Business Process Recovery - Perform key business process testing from beginning to end, validating cross functional processing and reporting.

• **MHA In The News**

10-2-08 MHA Facilitates Product Contamination Mock Disaster for Arizona Contingency Planners

9-22-08 MHA Retained by Leading Excess Surplus Insurance Provider for BCP Services

9-15-08 MHA Retained by Leading Independent Speciality Pharmaceutical Firm for BCP Services

[MHA 2009 Webinar Schedule](#)

MHA has scheduled its 2009 BCP webinars. Each webinar is \$195 and includes sample templates and presentations.

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