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Continuity of Operations and Contingency Planning for New England

Portland, Maine, March 1, 2012 - Northcross Group (NCG) presented at the New England Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Initiative (NERCPI) 2012 Cyber Disruption Summit in Boston February 21-22, 2012.

The NERCPI Cyber Summit covered Cyber Disruptions topics with over 120 Information Technology, Emergency Management and Law Enforcement representatives from Federal, state and local government, as well as private sector and NGOs from across the New England region. The Summit built on NERCPI's cyber disruption planning efforts and looked to direction for continued cyber disruption initiatives.

NCG presented on the technical aspects of cyber disruption and the particular steps for information technology Continuity of Operations and Contingency Planning for Emergencies. NCG's President, Christopher Bender delivered the presentation discussing practical steps in contingency and operations continuity planning, concentrating on IT infrastructure and supporting processes.

"Understanding the system of systems that enable us to do business and maintain critical government operations is key to being prepared for disruptive events," said NCG President Christopher Bender. "NERCPI's regional perspective is a strong recognition of how inter-connected we are, and the need to look at threats from that same inclusive perspective. As a New England based firm, NCG is committed to supporting and furthering NERCPI's efforts."

Since 2009 NERCPI (<http://www.newenglandrcpi.org>) has been working to develop and implement a framework to address catastrophic cyber disruptions. NERCPI consists of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the states of New Hampshire and Rhode Island, including the Urban Areas of Boston and Providence. The NERCPI receives funding from the FEMA-sponsored Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP). Regional catastrophic planning supports coordinated all-hazard planning, including the development of integrated planning communities, plans, protocols, and procedures to manage a catastrophic event.

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