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RSI Engaged by State of Nevada to Develop Emergency and Operational Continuity Tools

New York, NY. Risk Solutions International (RSI) was selected by the State of Nevada to develop a continuity of operations planning (COOP) platform for use by its governmental jurisdictions statewide.

This project follows the completion of another engagement in Nevada in which RSI developed and launched a statewide emergency management plan website chosen as the state standard for all public, charter and private school districts and systems.

The COOP project brings RSI business continuity experts together with the Washoe County Emergency Management Office to collaborate on a web-based operational continuity planning tool that will be used in all Nevada counties, cities and tribes. The platform will help synchronize existing plans, address the roles and responsibilities of the various Nevada jurisdictions, and will provide a toolset to support statewide collaboration in recovery planning.

In responding to local news media about the project and how his firm planned to work with the Task Force directing the COOP project, Duane Lohn, Executive Vice President of Risk Solutions International, said "The State of Nevada is taking a serious approach to preparedness by enhancing the capacity to effectively recover from business function disruption in a short time frame across all its cities, counties, tribes and departments. This approach will provide all Nevada jurisdictions an opportunity to develop and manage detailed recovery plans. RSI is excited to be involved with the Governors Task Force on both this and the schools emergency management initiative."

A video clip of Task Force interviews is available at this link:

<http://youtu.be/OME3HHwfWcY>

Risk Solutions International recently completed the emergency management planning system that will be used by all Nevada schools to manage their crisis preparedness and response efforts. Part of Nevada's Project SPARTAN (**S**chools

Prepared And Ready Together Across Nevada), RSI's web-based platform incorporates best practices in K-12 emergency management, standardizes policies and procedures across the State's schools, aligns schools with key standards, and supports a consistent approach to training and exercises.

Project SPARTAN is funded by Nevada's Department of Homeland Security and managed by a task force that includes Nevada's Threat Analysis Center, Silver Shield, North Nevada Counterterrorism Center, the Departments of Homeland Security, Education and Transportation, Risk Management, the Office of the Attorney General, and numerous county and municipal first responder agencies.

"States are responding to cuts in federal education funding for emergency management projects by exploring a single standard emergency management plan model for all their K-12 districts," said Scott Corzine, education practice leader for RSI. "Administrations have broad discretion to use federal Homeland Security grant funds to develop statewide digital emergency management templates that ensure a consistency and standards-aligned approach to improving safety and emergency preparedness in their schools. It can be a comparatively cost-effective process. Nevada has shown impressive leadership in this space with Project SPARTAN."

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