

Press Release

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VMEC ADDS NEW SERVICE FOR MANUFACTURERS

RANDOLPH, VT – September 1, 2005 – The Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC), along with Risk Solutions International, LLC, a recognized expert in operational risk consulting, is now able to provide Business Continuity Management solutions to Vermont manufacturers.

As a VMEC third-party implementer of solutions, Risk Solutions International can expertly assess and provide solutions for the operational risks facing manufacturing (and other) companies, focusing on business continuity, emergency management, crisis management, supply chain management, security and risk assessment.

"Business Continuity Management and Planning have generally not been priorities for Vermont's smaller businesses – until they experience a sudden, costly, or crippling business problem. Simply watching the evening news should help owners and managers understand that preparedness and good planning are necessary for long-term business survival in today's very unsettled world. The ability of VMEC to provide world-class Business Continuity Management services fits well with VMEC's comprehensive, enterprise-wide approach when working with Vermont companies. This new service is a wise investment for those companies that choose to take advantage of it." Bob Zider, Director/CEO, VMEC.

On October 18, 2005, VMEC will sponsor "Business Continuity Management Simulated Disaster Exercise" at the Sheraton in Burlington. This exercise and educational workshop will be presented by RSI staff.

For more information, visit www.vmec.org or contact VMEC at (802) 728-1432.

The Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center's Mission is "To Improve Manufacturing in Vermont and strengthen the global competitiveness of the state's smaller manufacturers." This is done through professional consulting, one-on-one coaching and public/onsite workshops to help Vermont's approximately 2,000 small and medium sized manufacturers increase their productivity, modernize their manufacturing and business processes, adopt advanced technologies, reduce costs, and improve their competitiveness. Increased competitiveness means greater stability in the state's work force, improved efficiencies. Visit www.vmec.org for more information.

Risk Solutions International provides a full range of business continuity, emergency response, compliance, incident and crisis management, investigative services, and security and supply chain management services. Risk Solutions International provides its clients with world class solutions and thought leadership for assessing, mitigating and managing the impact of their operational risk. Risk Solutions International practitioners are highly experienced thought leaders who have achieved the highest levels of professional recognition. They maintain active certifications from the leading industry associations and boards and are members of key industry standard setting groups. Additional information on Risk Solutions International LLC, www.rsi-llc.com.