

*WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF A DATA CENTER LOSS?
WHAT IS THE RIGHT RECOVERY STRATEGY?
HOW DO WE MAINTAIN OPERATIONS FOLLOWING
A DISASTER?*



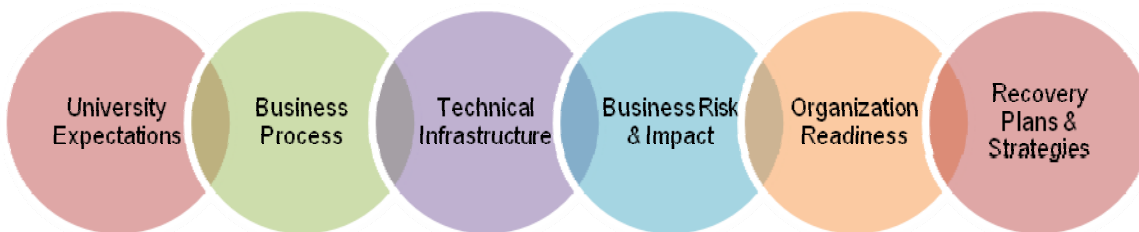
These are the questions that education IT professionals ask when planning a strategy for disaster recovery and business continuity. Students expect that their schools will be bastions of stability following any calamity, and the community as a whole looks to the educators as leaders in maintaining operations through thick and thin. The need for a finely tuned disaster recovery and business continuity program have never been greater.

NEW LEGISLATION MAKES BUSINESS CONTINUITY AN IMPERITIVE

Across the country, more stringent requirements for disaster management in education is becoming law. For example, in Illinois the Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008 (Public Act 95-0881, formerly SB-2691) became law on January 1, 2009. The act requires public institutions in Illinois to implement a National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)-compliant "all hazard" planning--including business continuity--providing for data access and continued operations across a wide range of potential disasters.

The STRATEGY ASSESSMENT Service for BCDR

With over a decade of experience in helping higher education institutions, Laurus Technologies partners with Vieo Consulting Group to offer an Assessment Service for Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery and (BCDR). This service helps organizations determine the most cost-effective recovery strategy **based upon their business requirements as well as their IT budget**. The Strategy Service provides an analysis of the technology-centric elements of business operations, and offers an assessment of the true business impact of a data center loss, resulting in an optimized strategy for BCDR planning.



BENEFITS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

- Alignment of the educational mission with disaster recovery needs
- Identification of mission-critical educational capabilities and their reliance on data-center services
- Qualification and prioritization of key risks that could severely impact the organization
- Optimized recovery strategies that provide clear directives for IT's role in recovery planning
- Detailed operational plans that cross organizational boundaries and provide a framework for disaster recovery and business continuity implementation

OUR APPROACH

Laurus Technologies (together with its partner Vieo Consulting Group) assists education professionals address readiness for the loss of data center operations:

Business Knowledge - We have over a decade of experience in providing leading edge solutions in higher education. We understand your business and its reliance on IT systems, networks and related infrastructure.

Accelerated Benefits Realization - Our pragmatic approach to delivery focuses on aligning and prioritizing our services to your organizational goals, allowing you to accelerate and focus your disaster recovery & business continuity initiatives.

Risk Mitigation - Our experienced consultants and comprehensive approach to risk management form a basis for success.

Cost Effective Solutions - Our business and technical teams create the best DR strategy based on your business requirements, available technologies and budget.

BCDR Strategy Assessment Focus Areas for Review	Activities	Deliverables
University Expectations – Capturing business objectives related to the continuity of operations.	Executive Level Review of Business Goals & Objectives	Documentation of business expectations in a disaster
Business Process – Review of core departmental processes and their reliance upon IT based services.	Mapping of core business activities and their ties to IT.	Documentation of the University's reliance upon the data center from a business and IT perspective.
Technical Infrastructure – An inventory and assessment of core technical infrastructure (hardware, software, data, people, processes and facilities).	Documentation of the IT infrastructure subject to recovery requirements.	
Business Risk & Impact Analysis – Analyzing the business risk involved in data center loss.	Departmental reviews of risk tolerance and business impact in the event of a data center disaster.	A priority listing of business risk, developing core recovery time/point objectives for the organization.
Organizational Readiness – Ensuring people know what to do in the event of a disaster.	An assessment of departmental readiness.	Recovery Team and process recommendations.
Recovery Plans & Strategies – Architecting the path to your continuity and recovery plan.	A comprehensive review of the objectives, operations and preparedness for disaster.	A recovery strategy and recommendations for the development of detailed disaster recovery and business continuity plans.

Schedule Your BC/DR Strategy Assessment Service Today!

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