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MEETING NOTICE

DATE: November 11, 2015

PLACE: Black Stone Restaurant
503 Westbury Drive Iowa City, IA 52245
(319) 338-1770

Attire: Business Casual

PROGRAM: Business Continuity Plan – In Action
Discussion of a Real Crisis and the Utilization of BCP

SPEAKER: Steve Whalen – Rockwell Collins

TIME: 5:00 to 6:00 Networking – Cash Bar
6:00 to 7:00 Chapter Meeting & Program
7:00 Dinner

COST: \$40 per person

**Please return your reservations to Hal Larson by
Monday November 9, 2015**

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Program Description:

Back-to-Back-to-Back – Lessons Learned from an Active Hurricane Season

Rockwell Collins operates a manufacturing and design engineering campus in Melbourne, Florida, which specializes in the production and servicing of communication and navigation equipment for commercial and defense aircraft.

Rockwell Collins proactively developed and tested detailed risk mitigation and business continuity strategies addressing these facilities, and executed these plans when faced with the threat of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne in 2004. These three hurricanes affected the Melbourne area to varying degrees over a seven week period between August and September 2004.

Melbourne operations were suspended and did in fact experience moderate damage to warehousing and manufacturing facilities from Hurricane Jeanne. Despite the effects, business resumed on the next business day – mainly due to management’s proactive planning and the support offered by the corporate headquarters in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

This presentation will outline high-level strategy options available to manufacturing entities, as well as specific strategies and processes developed for Rockwell Collins’ Melbourne operations.

We will also discuss actions taken by Rockwell Collins’ corporate staff to support the execution of the business continuity plan before the hurricane’s arrival, as well as the actions taken after the evacuation order was lifted.

Finally, we will outline lessons learned and further actions that have been taken to mature hurricane preparedness planning, as well as for “no-notice” crisis events.

Speaker Bio – Steve Whalen

Steve Whalen has spent over 19 years with Rockwell Collins. Steve has held positions across several organizations of Rockwell Collins; including Finance, Operations, Engineering, and Lean Electronics. As part of his current position in the Risk Management & Insurance group, Steve helps manage Rockwell Collins’ Business Continuity Program. Steve has served in this capacity for the past seven years.

Steve holds a Bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering from the College of Engineering at the University of Iowa.