

# Press Release

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## DRI Announces Strategic Initiative with Risk Solutions International

**(May 18, 2005, Falls Church, VA)**— DRI International (DRII), the leading provider of certification and educational programs in the business continuity and disaster recovery field, announced that John Copenhaver, CBCP, has been named to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer on a full time basis.

DRII also reported that it would be pursuing an expansion of services including actively promoting the global expansion of DRII, developing new programs aimed at strengthening and expanding the mission of the organization, developing the DRII brand and developing partnerships with others in the field.

Mr. Copenhaver is a Partner and Executive Vice President of Risk Solutions International LLC, which is providing Mr. Copenhavers services to DRII as its full time President and CEO.

Mr. Copenhaver will be based in Atlanta and will have oversight responsibility for DRIIs Falls Church, VA center. Mr. Copenhaver has 20 years of leadership experience in general management, emergency management and strategic planning for both government and business. He is President of the Board of the Global Partnership for Preparedness. Most recently John was Senior Vice President, Risk Consulting for Marsh Inc. He was appointed by the President of the United States as Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IV where he served for four years and directed the United States largest natural disaster recovery.

Mr. Copenhaver is a member of a strong team of Risk Solutions International professionals, and will be focusing strongly on DRIIs service to the business continuity industry. I am looking forward to working with all of DRIIs constituents, members, employees and other business partners to build upon DRIIs solid foundation, said Mr. Copenhaver.

I believe that DRIIs clients, employees and service providers will find Johns energy, experience and vision exciting and the Risk Solutions team will help to add depth to DRIIs management capabilities, said Belinda Wilson, CBCP Vice Chairman of DRII and Executive Director, Business Continuity Services for Hewlett-Packard.

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### About DRI International

DRI International is an international, nonprofit organization was first formed in 1988 as the Disaster Recovery Institute in St. Louis, MO. A group of professionals from the industry and from Washington University in St. Louis forecast the need for comprehensive education in business continuity. Alliances with academia helped shape early research and curriculum development. DRII promotes an industry common base of knowledge through education. Since 1988, the institute has provided top quality educational opportunities for business continuity / disaster recovery professionals. To date, DRII has helped educate over 12,000 individuals through their copyrighted education curriculum. For additional information on DRII see [www.drii.com](http://www.drii.com).

### About Risk Solutions International

Risk Solutions International LLC 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, can be found at [www.rsi-llc.com](http://www.rsi-llc.com).