



Overview

Many institutions are finding that due to the increasing complexity of their underlying technology infrastructures, outside assistance is required to conduct the necessary tests and exercises required to insure a true state of readiness. Although there are 4 levels of testing authorized by the FFIEC, their audits seek assurances that the level selected is “sufficient to demonstrate the financial institution’s ability to meet its continuity objectives”. This typically requires a combination of these various testing alternatives based on the criticality of the major business functions being recovered. Our Testing & Certification program facilitates the determination of the appropriate mix and then performs the recommended testing strategies through to Certification of the final results.

Value Proposition

Through successfully completing more than 300+ migrations for institutions moving from one core platform to another, the founders of Orion became an industry leader in providing application testing and deployment support for major financial institutions throughout the world. We have leveraged these proven testing and certification methodologies into our “Testing & Certification” program to satisfy the stringent FFIEC requirements for this critical BCP objective.

Our Approach: We will perform the following tasks and activities during this engagement:

- Assess Client’s test experience and BCP / DRP objectives.
- Recommend the type of tests that validate Client’s enterprise’s recovery objectives.
- Design a long range testing program with clear, usable management metrics.
- Prepare meaningful test scenarios, learning objectives, and success criteria.
- Manage the staging and execution of scheduled tests including facility recovery from Agility.
- Use RPX command center tools to capture auditable, team actions, communication details, improvements and lessons learned during the test.
- Develop pre and post test action plans to fill the gaps, prioritize organizational issues and plan improvements to Client’s BCM program.
- Recommend training and awareness curricula for test participants.

Orion will then develop an on-going testing program and plan, tailored specifically for your institution as part of our “UTILITY BCM” support program.