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First Rate Business Resumption & Recovery Exercise

First Rate conducted a business resumption and recovery exercise for the fourth year in a row on Saturday, December 16, 2006 with outstanding results. This comprehensive training session was completed in approximately three hours and consisted of the following elements:

- Disconnecting the utility power to the primary First Rate facility located in Grand Prairie, Texas.
- Testing the battery backup power for all the servers.
- Monitoring the automated server shutdown process due to loss of electricity.
- The complete shut down of the primary facility and data center located in Grand Prairie, Texas, then testing the ability to connect and restore power by an AC Motor Generator.
- Restoration of all systems to normal working operation, checking for proper application, client data, operation functionality and connectivity.

Each element of this examination was fulfilled within the expectations of the test, enabling First Rate to prove out their abilities to successfully resume services for First Rate clients in the event of a disaster. Considerations for improvements were noted in order to enhance future experiences in the event of an exercise or true disaster event.

First Rate has two certified Business Continuity Specialists. Jeff Kunkel, the managing director of First Rate Operations, is certified by Disaster Recovery International as a Master Business Continuity Professional or MBCP. Bob Brunskill, who is the fulltime business continuity specialist for First Rate, has the distinction of a Certified Business Continuity Professional from the same organization.

First Rate conducts a comprehensive business resumption and recovery analysis test on an annual basis. The assessment is designed to involve First Rate personnel, vendors and clients to improve the business continuity plan and to ensure our client's needs are adequately addressed. First Rate looks forward to another successful event in 2007.

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