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Peter is a senior advisor who helps clients design, implement and manage enterprise-wide risk, resiliency and recovery programs. Peter focuses on guiding executives and business continuity leaders to maximize the value of continuity risk management programs and solutions. He brings an experienced perspective to risk management and business continuity focused on customized, viable solutions. Peter has been in the information technology industry since 1983 and in the field of business continuity since 1987.

Prior to joining Fusion, Peter lead the BC/DR practice at Forsythe where he was responsible for leading a team of professional consultants, oversight of risk management engagements, the practice's market strategies, partner relationships and development of best-practice methodologies. Before entering consulting services in 2004, Peter spent nearly 20 years managing technology recovery, business resumption, and emergency management programs in a variety of industries, including financial services, healthcare and global human resources consulting. Throughout his career he established several corporate emergency operations centers and managed emergency operations for more than 70 business disruptions. He oversaw the development of more than 300 technology recovery plans and over 3000 business resumption plans, and directed more than 400 relocation exercises ranging from 8 to 72 hours in length at vendor and internal sites.

Peter is an experienced instructor and frequently speaks at international disaster recovery symposia and regional user groups on various business continuity and disaster recovery topics. He has authored a number of thought leadership articles, presentations and coauthored the official Private-Public Businesses Inc. (PPBI) incident management maturity model. He is a member of the *Disaster Recovery Journal (DRJ)* executive council and a past Chairman of the *DRJ* editorial advisory board. Recognized as an industry pioneer, Peter has been a participant in the *DRJ* semi-annual conferences since their inception in 1989.

Peter earned his associate's degree in business administration from Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY. He holds the MBCP (Master Business Continuity Professional) certification from the Disaster Recovery Institute International, and is a member of the Business Continuity Institute (MBCI).