

## **City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) selects Bold Planning Solutions and Next Generation, Inc. for Continuity of Operations (COOP) Implementation.**

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Chicago, IL – The City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) has hired Bold Planning Solutions to implement their Continuity of Operations (COOP) initiative that will be used to provide easily developed, consistent, and accessible COOP plans, so that the Department can continue to perform its essential functions during an emergency or incident that disrupts normal operations. Next Generation, Inc. will assist Bold Planning Solutions at various levels such as Server setups, User Manual development, COOP plan reviews and COOP planning process.

### **About City of Chicago OEMC**

The Office of Emergency Management & Communications (OEMC) manages and operates the City's public safety communications systems that coordinate the response of police, fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) resources to 911 calls. The OEMC operates a world-class voice and data radio system, giving police and fire personnel, on the street, valuable information to help them respond quickly to emergency situations.

The OEMC's Emergency Management Team acts as the coordinator for the City's efforts to develop, plan, analyze, implement and maintain programs for disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The Emergency Management Team is also responsible for directing the activities of City departments and other agencies at disaster scenes.

The OEMC operates in a state-of-the-art 161,000 square foot facility located on the west side of Chicago.

Constructed in 1995, the 911 Center relies on an internal secure communications network with hundreds of miles of buried fiber optic and copper cable dedicated to providing 911 and 311 services.

### **About Bold Planning Solutions**

Bold Planning Solutions is a leading provider of web-based planning tools and services for Business Continuity Planning (BCP) and Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP). They are the solution of choice to thousands of BCP/COOP planners due to their company's extensive background in emergency planning and their ability to streamline the planning process through the use of our powerfully equipped planning systems.

Their web-based systems are specifically designed to address the key requirements, best-practices, and necessary planning elements of their respective sectors. Their systems intuitively lead users through the process of each step in developing Continuity Plans and provide a guided pathway which ensures that all facets of their plan are highlighted, addressed, and compliant.

### **About Next Generation, Inc.**

Next Generation, Inc. (NGI) is a Chicago based full service Information Technology and Management Consulting firm with experience serving both the private and state and local government sectors. NGI's core competency relies in assisting our clients with the implementation and support of their Enterprise-wide Application Software. Next Generation, Inc is a certified minority business enterprise (MBE) and a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE).