Disaster Recovery Analyst

COMPANY PROFILE:

NikSoft Systems Corporation is a recognized Information Technology solutions provider. Founded in 1998 and based in Reston, Virginia, NikSoft is a CMMI Level 3 Certified company with an established reputation for excellence and on-time delivery with a consistently high customer satisfaction rating from its Federal Government and private consulting contracts.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

NikSoft is searching for a full-time **Disaster Recovery Analyst** to join our fast growing team of Information Technology professionals supporting our Federal clients in Falls Church, VA Niksoft and our partners are seeking talented individuals possessing a variety of skills to join our team to lead the complete implementation of Business Contingency Plans, Continuity Of Operations Plans (COOP), and Disaster Recovery Plans (DRP) to support 16 mission-essential DOD Health Care applications migrating to a new virtualized operating environment. The environment includes a variety of Infrastructure and technology services providing a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Software as a Service (SaaS) model where application owners are responsible for installing and configuration application specific technologies and components.

The ideal candidate must possess Subject-Matter-Expertise (SME) knowledge with planning, developing, and implementing Continuity of Operation Plans (COOP) and other related plans for Federal Agency and/or DoD for IT environments and applications. This includes extensive knowledge of NIST policies, standards, and guides related to the development of comprehensive Business Impact Assessments (BIA), Contingency Plans (CP), Disaster Recovery Plans (DRP), and all other related artifacts. The primary responsibilities of Disaster Recovery Analysts include:

- Provide leadership and guidance to plan, communicate strategy, develop required artifacts, implement policies, and conduct various contingency plan tests to validate contingency plans.
- In a team environment, develop standardized templates based on the services supporting the IT operating environment to be used by each application in the development of application specific contingency plans.
- Develop a comprehensive project plan detailing each task required to fully implement all aspects of the business continuity plans based on the overall strategy.

- Work with other team members including systems engineers and technical writers to develop the strategy and to implement innovative solutions designed to support failover and recovery scenarios.
- Coordinate with and facilitate communications with external stakeholder agencies and organizations as well as application owners.
- Develop and conduct leadership and stakeholder briefs.
- Lead application owners through the process of developing required documents and artifacts.
- Validate contingency plans through required testing and develop after action reports to include implementing corrective action for identified deficiencies.
- Develop and provide training for required personnel and stakeholders.

Candidates should have working knowledge and familiarity with complex modern Information Technology (IT) infrastructure and technology services using:

- IBM PowerVM and VMware virtualization technologies
- Large Storage Area Network (SAN) implementations
- Various data, database, and file system replication technologies
- Implementation of cloning/image technologies to support rapid provisioning
- Networking and Infrastructure services such as DNS, AD, Centrify, and complex multi-interface segmented network implementations

CORE EXPECTATIONS:

- Must have extensive knowledge of NIST policies, standards, and guidance in implementing all aspects of Business Contingency Plans, Business Impact Assessments, and Disaster Recovery Plans.
- Must have previous experience expertise in implementing multi-site IT business continuity strategies and technologies.
- Must have an IT background that includes implementation of contingency plans supporting virtualized operating environments and service-based offerings such as IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS.
- Must possess excellent oral communication and writing skills to facilitate communications with key external stakeholders, application owners, and leadership.
- Must be capable of leading the effort, providing guidance to other team members, and actively participating in the development and implementation of all aspects of continuity planning.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or related technical field.
- Familiarity with various COTS technologies supporting complex web-based applications built on relational database technologies.
- Knowledge of UNIX-based and Windows operating platforms such as AIX, Solaris x86, and Windows Server 2012.
- Familiarity with IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS solutions designed to support modern virtualized data center operations.
- Previous work related experience with implementing network or other technologies required to support data migration and replication requirements.

DESIRED SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE:

- Familiarity with DoD Health Information Systems or other Health-Care Provider & Delivery applications.
- Familiarity with Business Contingency Plans and Disaster Recovery Plans.
- Familiarity with DoD Information Security Policies, Information Assurance practices, and Certification & Accreditation (C&A) requirements.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must either have or be able to obtain a DoD Secret Clearance

BENEFITS:

NikSoft's competitive benefits program includes comprehensive medical and dental care, matching 401K, paid time off, flexible spending accounts, disability coverage, and other benefits that help provide financial protection for you and your family.

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