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**THE ENERGY AUTHORITY'S BUSINESS CONTINUITY MANAGER
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**Pauline Williams-Banta One of Only 111
Master Business Continuity Professionals in the United States**

Jacksonville, Fla. (June 26, 2009) – The Energy Authority® (TEA®), the nation's leader in public power energy trading, announced today that Pauline Williams-Banta, Business Continuity Manager, has earned the Master Business Continuity Professional (MBCP) certification, the highest level of certification awarded through the Disaster Recovery Institute International (DRI International). Ms. Williams-Banta is one of only six MBCPs in the state of Florida and one of only two in the state of Washington. There are a total of just 111 MBCPs in the United States.

To be considered for this level of certification, DRI International requires that the candidate has at least five years of experience in all areas of business continuity and disaster recovery, as well as experience directly relating to seven areas of the Professional Practices - the common body of knowledge for the industry. It is the ultimate recognition for planners, practitioners and managers in business continuity and disaster recovery.

Ms. Williams-Banta has more than 10 years' experience in the business continuity field. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of North Florida and is a member of the Jacksonville, Florida chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners.

The Energy Authority® is the nation's leader in public power energy trading and risk management services. It is wholly-owned and directed by its Public Power members who participate in the organization's decision-making. Today, 45 Public Power utilities across the nation are TEA Members and Partners, representing more than 25,000 MW of combined generation assets with all fuel types. TEA offers a variety of services to suit the needs of its utilities including trading, risk management, hydro optimization and renewable resource management. The Energy Authority®, in operation since 1997, is headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida and has offices in the Seattle metropolitan area and Portland, Oregon.

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