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Avian Influenza Pandemic Operational Continuity Training Now Available Online From NexPort Solutions and NEHA

Denver, CO, April 6, 2006 — NexPort Solutions and the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) have formed a partnership to develop and deliver Avian Influenza (H5N1) Pandemic Awareness and Preparedness Online Training. The training is delivered through NexPort performance support portals to public and private organizations preparing for a possible flu pandemic.

Throughout all levels of government, and increasingly throughout the private sector, service and business continuity planning is underway for the eventuality of a pandemic of catastrophic proportions.

The newest course offering, Avian and Pandemic Flu Preventive Measures: Maintaining Operational Continuity addresses the nature of the threat, operational survival, continuity planning, and communication and human resource strategies. This course is the second in a series of online training topics focused on awareness and preparedness for the eventuality of a large scale flu pandemic.

In releasing this new course to the public Mark Allen, Director of Strategic Development for NexPort Solutions, stated "Although Federal and State government agencies are preparing in earnest for the consequences of large scale flu pandemic, most of the actual response will have to be provided at the local level. The ability of local government, businesses, critical infrastructure, and volunteer organizations to maintain continuity of operations is paramount. We may otherwise find ourselves in a situation that could lead to large scale civil disorder and prolonged economic disruption. This new course is designed to focus leaders, planners, and practitioners on the vital tasks of maintaining operational continuity."

This and other courses in the series are available as an individual annual subscription offering at www.nexportsolutions.com/nehah .

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About NEHA: NEHA is a 5,000-member professional society that covers all areas of environmental health and protection, including terrorism and all-hazards preparedness, food protection, hazardous waste, onsite wastewater, air and water quality, and epidemiology—in both the public and private sectors. NEHA's *Journal of Environmental Health*, provides peer-reviewed scientific articles, as well as information on developments in the profession.

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