

STREAMLINING TOOLS - TOOLS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE EFFECTIVE and EFFICIENT

GUIDE FOR AN ACTION PLAN TO DEVELOP REGIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCY

ABOUT THIS TOOL

This tool was created to aid state and local governments and the construction community to better prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. In 2006, the Infrastructure Security Partnership (TISP) produced a much needed Guide for Developing an Action Plan for Regional Disaster Resiliency that describes specific coordinated actions that the public and private sector can take. The Guide includes actions related to the building regulatory process and streamlining those processes to facilitate faster response and recovery from manmade and natural disasters.

BENEFITS

The TISP Guide provides a starting point, or framework, around which elected officials, emergency managers, building departments and the construction industry can evaluate and take action to reduce areas of regulatory overlap, or conflict that may slow disaster response and recovery.

SAVINGS TO GOVERNMENT

The time to identify and eliminate or reduce areas of regulatory or administrative conflicts or inefficient processes that slow disaster response and recovery is not during or in the immediate aftermath of a major natural or manmade disaster. Use of the TISP Guide together with other related Alliance streamlining materials or tools enables jurisdictions to plan and take action prior to such events occurring —significantly saving time, money and more importantly lives.

SAVINGS TO PUBLIC AND TO PRIVATE SECTOR

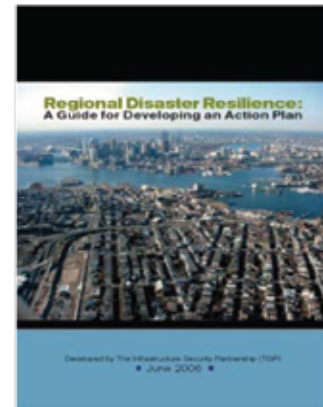
The Guide provides similar savings in time, money and lives within the community and strengthens the ability to plan for and execute programs that strengthen business continuity and speed reconstruction.

BACKGROUND

The Alliance and a number of its member partners as members of TISP participated in the drafting and finalization of the TISP Guide. More details on the origins and use of the Guide are provided on the opposite side of this Streamlining Toolkit sheet.

EXAMPLES OF APPLICATION AND JURISDICTION CONTACTS

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TISP Guide for Developing an Action Plan for Regional Disaster Resilience

In June 2006, The Infrastructure Security Partnership (TISP) launched a much needed guide, *Regional Disaster Resilience: A Guide for Developing an Action Plan*. The Guide was developed by the TISP Regional Disaster Resilience Committee including more than 100 practitioners, policymakers, and technical and scientific experts from across the nation. The Guide provides a strategy to develop the necessary level of preparedness for communities to manage major disasters in today's complex and interdependent world.

A PRACTICAL "HOW TO" APPROACH TO MULTHAZARD PREPAREDNESS

The Guide provides key definitions and a set of common assumptions that underpin regional disaster resilience. Using a simple, practical "how to" approach, the Guide lists 12 categories of typical needs based on lessons learned from previous disasters, both natural and man-made. The Guide recommends short, medium, and long term activities to address these respective preparedness gaps. The aim is to provide users with the ability to examine and leverage previously developed approaches, tools, and technologies, to avoid reinventing the wheel and foster standardization across interdependent infrastructures and regions.

FOCUS AREAS

- Awareness and Understanding of Interdependencies
- Appreciation of Cyber Threats and Incidents
- Resilient and Interoperable Communications and Information Systems
- Risk Assessment and Mitigation
- Cooperation and Coordination
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Response Challenges
- Recovery and Restoration
- Business Continuity and Continuity of Operations
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Public Information/Risk Communications
- Exercises, Training, and Education

DYNAMIC PLAN

This Guide has received extensive external review by public and private stakeholders across the nation. The Guide and accompanying Best Practices/Solutions will be updated as needed to reflect new information on needs and related activities. As part of the implementation plan, TISP intends to develop a comprehensive website providing examples of best practices & solutions keyed to the recommended activities and facilitate follow-on workshops in each of the identified focus areas. Visit www.tisp.org for additional information about TISP activities.

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http://www.tisp.org/rdr_guide