

NCTCOG ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY PLANNING

References for Private Sector

Procurement

- *State of Texas Procurement Manual*: <http://comptroller.texas.gov/procurement/pub/manual/>
- *Texas Wide Open for Business*: <https://texaswideopenforbusiness.com/>
- *Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers*: <http://www.aptac-us.org/new/>. Congress created the Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) to help businesses seeking to compete successfully in federal, state, and local government contracting. Funded through cooperative agreements between DoD and state/local entities, PTACs provide a range of expert services at little or no charge.
- *Acquisition.gov*: <http://www.acquisition.gov/>. An E-Gov Initiative that aggregates federal acquisition content by providing one website for regulations, systems, resources, opportunities, and training.
- *System for Award Management*: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>. The System for Award Management (SAM) is combining federal procurement systems and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance into one new system. On this site, businesses can register to do business with the federal government, look for assistance programs, or report subcontract information.
- *General Services Administration*: <http://www.gsa.gov>. GSA provides a centralized authority for the acquisition and management of federal government resources.
- *GSA: Assistance for Small Business – How to Sell to the Federal Government*: <https://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105344>
- *Small Business Solutions: Doing Business with GSA*: https://www.gsa.gov/portal/mediaId/121182/fileName/Info_Sheet_B_508_2015.action
- *Guide to Small Business Contracting: Navigating the Federal Procurement Process* (Senator Olympia J. Snowe, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship): http://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?a=Files.Serve&File_id=f055095a-a518-47ee-bd79-4be850a427bf

Business Continuity

- *American Red Cross: Ready Rating:* <http://www.readyrating.org/>. Ready Rating is a program that helps businesses, schools and organizations become prepared for disasters and other emergencies.
- *Ready Business:* <https://www.ready.gov/business>. Ready Business assists businesses in developing a preparedness program by providing tools to create a plan that addresses the impact of many hazards.
- SBA Disaster Planning Information: <http://www.sba.gov/content/disaster-planning>
- *Open for Business: Disaster Protection and Recovery Planning Toolkit for the Small to Mid-Sized Business (Institute for Business & Home Safety):* <https://disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/open-for-business-english.pdf>.
- Business Continuity Planning (Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC)): <http://ithandbook.ffiec.gov/it-booklets/business-continuity-planning.aspx>.
- Critical Incident Protocol—A Public Private Partnership: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp-critical_incident_Protocol_8735_7.pdf.

Insurance

- The National Flood Insurance Program: <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>
- Build Back Safer and Stronger (FEMA): <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/29837>
- Extension Disaster Education Network: Flood Insurance Issues in Recovery: <http://eden.lsu.edu/Topics/Hazards/Floods/Recovery/Pages/FloodInsuranceIssuesinRecovery.aspx>
- SBA Types of Business Insurance: <http://www.sba.gov/content/types-business-insurance>

FEMA References

- National Disaster Framework. http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1820-25045-5325/508_ndrf.pdf
- Economic RSF Summary. http://www.fema.gov/pdf/recoveryframework/economy_rsf.pdf
- 2016 Federal Interagency Operational Plans (FIOPs). <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/120091>
- Recovery Lessons Learned & Information Sharing. <http://www.fema.gov/recovery-lessons-learned-information-sharing>

- Understanding Your Risks: Identifying Hazards and Estimating Losses.
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1521-20490-4917/howto2.pdf>
- FEMA Building Science Branch develops and produces guidance that focuses on creating disaster-resilient communities to reduce loss of life and property:
<http://www.fema.gov/building-science>
- Reference Material to Mitigation Potential Terrorist Attacks Against Buildings:
<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/plan/prevent/rms/426/fema426.pdf>
- TRIA and Terrorism Risk Mitigation: A Business Protection Overview:
<https://disastersafety.org/ibhs/tria-and-terrorism-risk-mitigation-a-business-protection-overview/>

EDA Resources

- Disaster Recovery. <https://www.eda.gov/disaster/disaster-recovery.htm>
- Resilience in Economic Development Planning (Colorado Flooding DR 4145).
https://www.eda.gov/about/files/disaster-recovery/EDA_CO-Economic-Resilience-Planning_Oct2014.pdf
- Oklahoma Economic Resilience Strategic Report (August 2014).
https://www.eda.gov/about/files/disaster-recovery/Oklahoma_Economic_Resilience_Strategy_Report_FINAL_print.pdf

Lessons Learned and Best Practices

- *Leadership in Times of Crisis: A Toolkit for Recovery and Resiliency* is designed to benefit a wide range of public and private sector officials working with businesses and industries in the economic recovery process including economic development organizations (EDOs), Chambers of Commerce, business leaders, small business development centers (SBDC), community colleges and business schools, community development financing institutions (CDFIs), and other organizations that provide support to businesses.
<http://restoreyoureconomy.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/IEDC-Leadership-in-Times-of-Crisis-Toolkit.pdf>
- *Planning for a More Resilient Future: A Guide to Regional Approaches* covers the rapidly-growing body of research on resilience, describing the main ideas that are driving policy and practice across the country and examining current thinking on regional and economic resilience. http://www.nado.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Regional_Resilience_report_FINAL.pdf
- *Economic Resilience to Disasters (CARRI Research Report 8)* explains how economic resilience has evolved into a meaningful, quantifiable, measurable, and actionable concept.
http://www.resilientus.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Research_Report_8_Rose_1258138606.pdf

- *Lessons from the Storm: Case Studies on Economic Recovery and Resilience* is a series of case studies that demonstrate how regions have effectively used federal funding to address the impacts of natural disasters, become more resilient to future events, and increase economic competitiveness and quality of life. http://www.nado.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Lessons-from-the-Storm_Full-Report_reduced.pdf
- The *Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) resource library* includes tools, reports, fact sheets, and case studies developed by SCI grantees, HUD, and its Capacity Building partners. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/sci/resources/>
- *Innovation in American Regions* makes the latest research on innovation and rural development available to economic developers and other local decision makers in an easy-to-use format. Data may be used in both rural and urban regions. <http://www.statsamerica.org/innovation/>
- Red Cross Disaster and Safety Library includes fact sheets, preparedness checklists, recovery guides, and other helpful information to keep you informed and safe: <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library>

Other Resources

- House of Representatives Small Business Resources: <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/resources>
- Library of Congress Business Reference Services: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/business/contracts/fed3.html>. Provides resources for federal government contracting, including free subscriptions to online resources that announce contracts, bidding opportunities, and cancellations:
- Department of Labor Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU): <http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/osdbu/sbrefa/>. Designed to assist small business owners understand rules and regulations DOL administers.
- BusinessUSA: <http://business.usa.gov>. A centralized, one-stop platform created by a consortium of federal agencies to make it easier than ever for businesses to access services to help them grow and hire. This site contains general information on how to expand your business and make it more resilient through export, alternative financing, hiring the right employees, learning more about health care changes, and much more.
- Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration: Business, Industry, and Key Sector Initiatives: <http://www.doleta.gov/business/>
- The Public Workforce System can be a valuable addition to your human resource capabilities and an invaluable tool to transform your workforce for the 21st-century economy: <http://www.doleta.gov/business/pws.cfm>
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance: <http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp>

- Utilizing Federal Benefits This is the official benefits website of the U.S. government that informs citizens of benefits they may be eligible for and provides information on how to apply for assistance: <http://www.benefits.gov>
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Business Programs provides for business credit needs in under- served rural areas, often in partnership with private-sector lenders. <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>
- U.S. Department of Treasury Small Business Programs – Treasury oversees a number of programs designed to help small businesses create jobs in local communities across the United States, including the newly created Small Business Lending Fund and State Small Business Credit Initiative. This sites outlines these programs: <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sb-programs/Pages/default.aspx>
- The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund was created for the purpose of promoting economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to community development financial institutions (CDFIs): <http://www.cdfifund.gov/>
- Small Business Loan Programs. SBA offers general small business loans and disaster loans. General (7(a)) loans include financial help for businesses with special requirements. Low-interest disaster loans can be used to repair or replace certain items damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster. Micro-loan programs are generally distinguished by the relatively small size of the loans, which are often just a few thousand dollars (SBA’s micro-loan program has an average loan size of about \$13,000). <http://www.sba.gov/loanprograms>
- Small Business Investment Company (SBIC). The SBIC program was created to facilitate the flow of long-term capital to America’s small businesses. SBA does not provide capital directly to businesses. Instead, SBA partners with private investors to capitalize professionally-managed investment funds (known as "SBICs") that finance small businesses. <http://www.sba.gov/category/lender-navigation/sba-loan-programs/sbic-program-0>
- National Venture Capital Association (NVCA). NVCA empowers its members and the entrepreneurs they fund by advocating for policies that encourage innovation and reward long-term investment. The resources for entrepreneurs section of the website includes information and links to resources of interest to entrepreneurs and executives who work at emerging growth companies. http://www.nvca.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=330&Itemid=582