



## **Interagency Response to Disaster Recovery and Resilience**

**National Association of  
Development Organizations (NADO)**

**Conference**

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To lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing and supporting American regions for growth and success in the global economy.

## How Does EDA Execute that Mission?

Guided by the principle that communities must be empowered to develop and implement their own economic development strategies, EDA works directly with local officials and targets its competitive, merit-based investments to:

- Assist economically-distressed regions create higher paying, sustainable jobs.
- Support bottom-up, regionally-owned economic development initiatives.
- Serve as strategic, catalytic seed investments.
- Attract and leverage private capital investment.
- Emphasize innovation, entrepreneurship, and regional competitiveness.



## What are the Department's Roles and Responsibilities in Helping Communities Recover from and Become More Resilient to Catastrophic Disasters?

- The Dept. of Commerce, through the Economic Development Administration (EDA), **leads the Economic Recovery Support** Function of the National Disaster Recovery Framework
- EDA, as well as several other DOC Bureaus, are involved in helping communities **Prepare, Respond, Recover** and become more **Resilient** to disasters

# DOC SUPPORTS BEFORE DURING AND AFTER DISASTERS STRIKE



## PREPARE

Census  
EDA  
NOAA

## RESPOND

EDA  
NOAA

## RECOVER

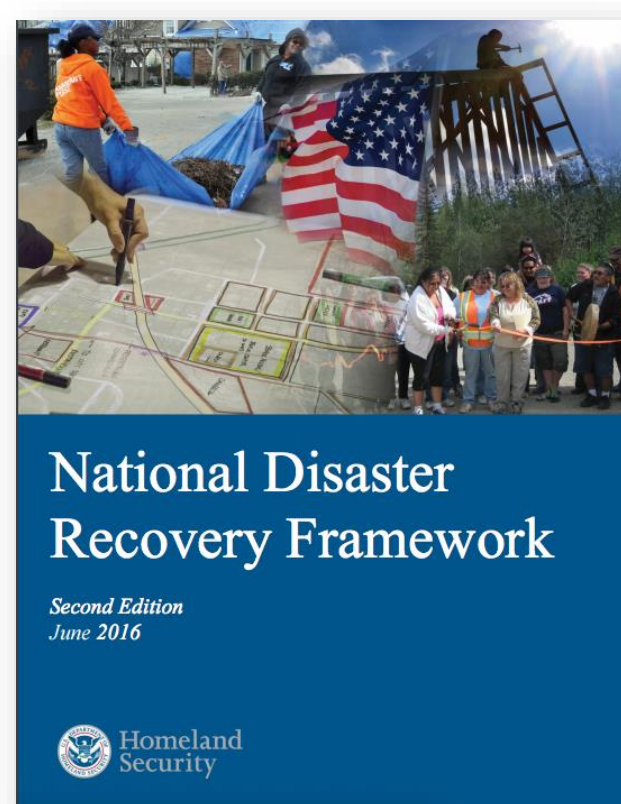
- BEA, Census, ESA,
- EDA, ITA, MBDA
- NIST, NOAA, NTIA



# NATIONAL DISASTER RECOVERY FRAMEWORK

*Core Principle:* Disaster recovery is **supported** by the Federal government, **managed** by the State and **executed** at the Local level

- A scalable and flexible coordination structure that brings all appropriate players to the table
- Forges common understanding of roles and responsibilities across organizations prior to disasters
- Introduces the 6 Recovery Support Functions (RSF)



# WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY SUPPORT FUNCTION?

**Economic Recovery** is the ability to **return** economic and business activities (including agricultural) to a state of health and **develop** new economic opportunities that result in a **sustainable** and economically viable community.

The **Economic RSF** integrates the expertise of the Federal government to help local, state, and tribal governments and the private sector to:

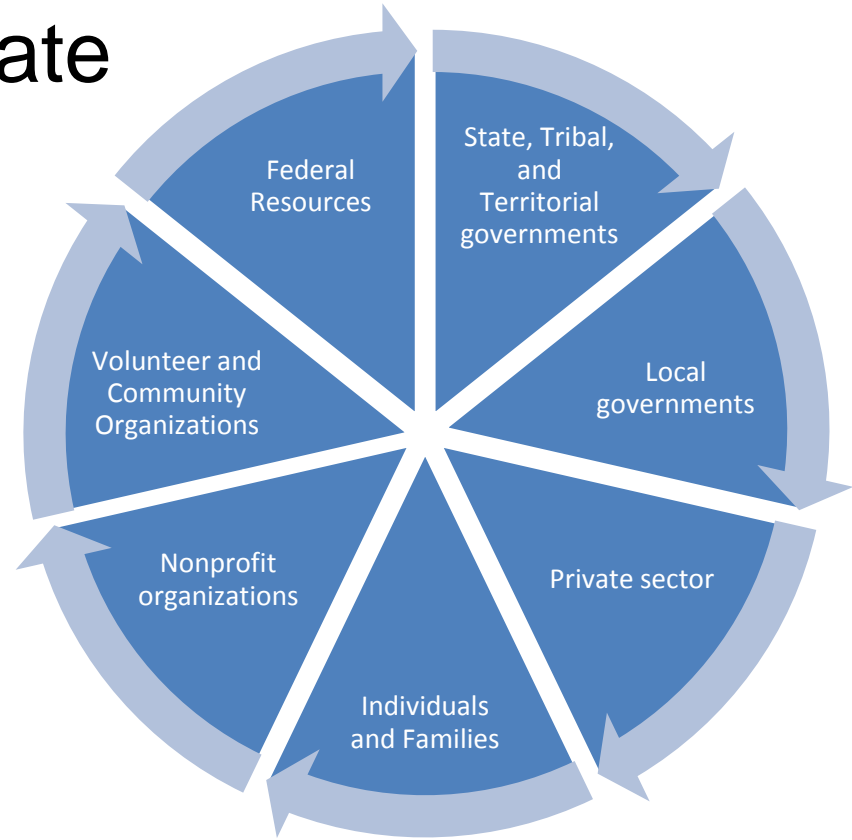
- sustain and/or **rebuild businesses and employment**, and
- develop **new economic opportunities** that result in sustainable and economically **resilient communities**

FEMA ERSF Overview: [https://www.fema.gov/RSF\\_Economic\\_0616\\_508\(1\).pdf](https://www.fema.gov/RSF_Economic_0616_508(1).pdf)

# PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

## Lead, Promote, Facilitate

- ✓ Coordination
- ✓ Communication and
- ✓ Collaboration



Enhance capacity of multi-sector partners to produce and implement a comprehensive strategy to support **economic recovery and community resilience**

## ***Coordinating Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration***

### **Primary Federal Agencies:**

- Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Department of Labor
- Department of the Treasury
- US Department of Agriculture
- Small Business Administration

### **Supporting Federal Agencies:**

- Department of Health and Human Services
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Interior
- Corporation for National Community Service



# STATE, REGIONAL & PRIVATE SECTOR ERSF PARTNERS

- State, Territorial, Tribal and Local Governments
- Economic development organizations
- Workforce development organizations
- Chambers of commerce
- Regional planning commissions
- Councils of government
- Development authorities
- Colleges and Universities
- Utilities
- Financial institutions
- State insurance agencies
- State taxation and revenue agencies
- Elected officials
- Community development organizations
- Planning organizations
- Critical infrastructure owners/operators

# RECOVERY DELIVERABLES

- Near-Term: Mission Scoping Assessment (MSA)
  - Captures overarching issues related to economic recovery
- Long-Term: Recovery Support Strategy (RSS)
  - Documents federal capabilities that can be leveraged to support economic recovery



# IMPORTANT ROLE of EDDs and COGs in RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

EDA held 7 workshops in Florida on *Economic Recovery and Resiliency Efforts Post Hurricane Irma* working with its regional councils and other partners. Texas will be working with its 8 Harvey-impacted COGs on upcoming long-term economic recovery workshops, starting April 5.



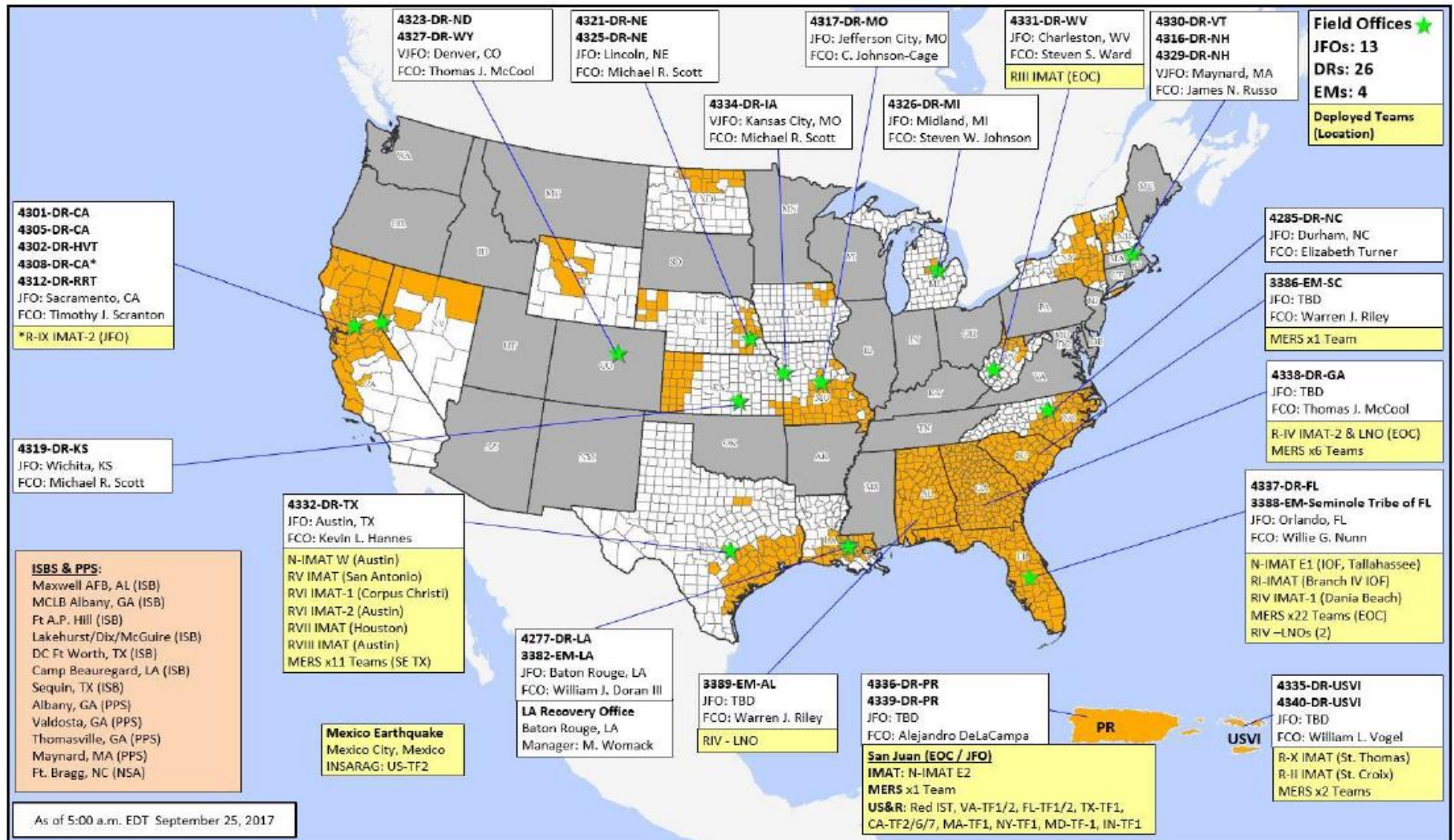


## 2017 – A PARTICULARLY BAD YEAR FOR DISASTERS...

In financial terms, 2017 was the worst year for natural disasters in American history, costing the country \$306 billion.

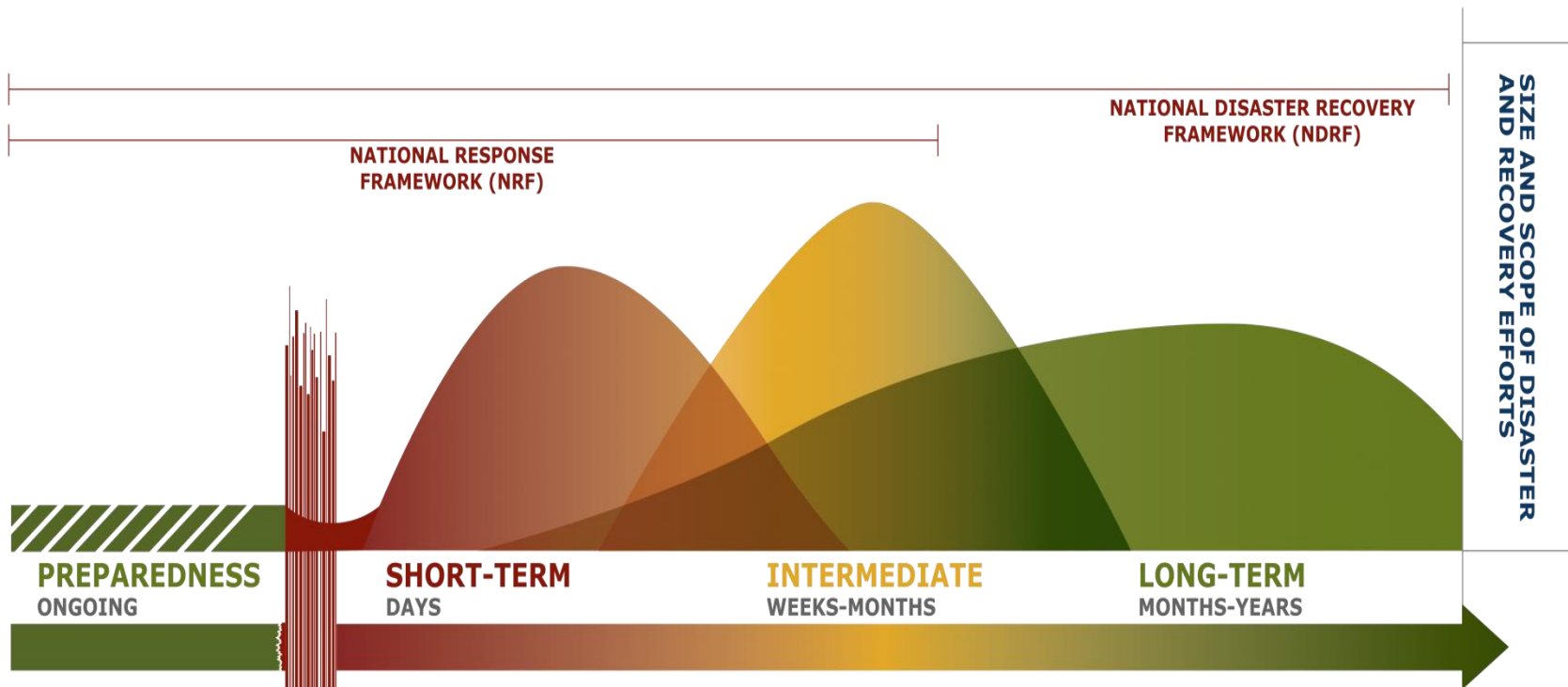


# NATIONAL DISASTER RECOVERY SUPPORT




# Preparedness – Response – Recovery

Being prepared greatly enhances the capacity to effectively manage and coordinate large scale recovery







A new report from the National Institute of Building Sciences finds that for every dollar spent on federal grants aimed at improving disaster resilience, society saves six dollars. This return is higher than previously thought.

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# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Opportunity to focus on Resilience through CEDS process
- \$600 million in Disaster Supplemental Funds to EDA
  - EDA has a history of scaling up disaster recovery and resilience – since 1990's Congress has provided EDA \$1.3 billion in supplemental disaster appropriations
  - EDA's competitive grant process (EAA funds) to applicants and projects in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and from wildfires and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2017.
  - Please stay tuned...

**AND REMEMBER \$1 IN MITIGATION/RESILIENCE SAVES SOCIETY \$6 IN RECOVERY**





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