

# Appendix C

**ECONOMIC IMPACTS  
SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR DISASTER-IMPACTED MUNICIPALITIES  
FEMA-1295-DR-NJ**

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Interviewer, please complete for yourself:

Interviewer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Fax/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Introduce yourself and provide the following information to the interviewee:**

This information is being collected to identify economic needs and available resources of disaster-impacted communities. The answers to these questions will not be used to determine individual funding needs or to complete specific damage surveys.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE:**

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Interviewees' Name and Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-DISASTER BUSINESS COMMUNITY CHARACTERIZATION**

5. What was the municipality's annual tax revenue last year?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What percentage (%) is from business taxes? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Is tax revenue likely to be affected by this event? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What are the trends in the composition of the business community?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. If there are areas within the community with historic or potential business growth/decline, where are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Are there any sectors that might be affected indirectly due to direct losses to other businesses? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Survey Questions for Disaster-Impacted Municipalities

### POST-DISASTER BUSINESS COMMUNITY CHARACTERIZATION

10. How many businesses were directly affected by the disaster? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many in each of the following industry sectors?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation and Utilities      b. \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturing      c. \_\_\_\_\_ Services  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate      e. \_\_\_\_\_ Construction      f. \_\_\_\_\_ Government  
g. \_\_\_\_\_ Trade (Wholesale and Retail)      h. \_\_\_\_\_ Other
11. Please estimate the following **business** losses within the municipality:  
Annual revenue losses? \_\_\_\_\_  
Property damage? \_\_\_\_\_  
Equipment and inventory damage? \_\_\_\_\_
12. By how much are annual tax revenues expected to decrease as a result of the disaster?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Of the affected businesses, please estimate how many are:  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ Fully operational      b. \_\_\_\_\_ Partially operational      c. \_\_\_\_\_ Not operational
14. Please estimate how many jobs may be permanently lost due to the disaster? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many in each of the following industry sectors?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation and Utilities      b. \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturing      c. \_\_\_\_\_ Services  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate      e. \_\_\_\_\_ Construction      f. \_\_\_\_\_ Government  
g. \_\_\_\_\_ Trade (Wholesale and Retail)      h. \_\_\_\_\_ Other
15. Do you know of any businesses planning to leave the community? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what are their names? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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16. How were public sector services and infrastructure affected? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did this affect the business community? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Are all of the municipality's public services operating?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      b. \_\_\_\_\_ No      c. \_\_\_\_\_ Partially
17. If partially, what percentage of capacity are they operating? (list each) \_\_\_\_\_  
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### BUSINESS COMMUNITY / MUNICIPAL NEEDS

19. What impact has the disaster had on economic development planning? \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. What is the most significant obstacle to business recovery in your community? \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. What steps are being taken to assist business recovery in your community? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
22. What steps do you believe should be or should have been taken to assist business \_\_\_\_\_  
recovery in your community? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. Does the municipality have or know of any plans to lessen the impacts of another \_\_\_\_\_  
disaster on the business community? If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
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24. Is the community at risk from other types of natural hazards? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOTE TO INTERVIEWER: Be prepared to help the interviewee clarify needs. For example, if the answer is “money,” ask what specifically the money is for.**