

# INSTITUTIONAL/FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

(Personal Interview)

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# Institutional/Floodplain Management Questionnaire

## 1. BACKGROUND DATA

a. Agency's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Office/Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

d. How many years have you been working for this organization?

## 2. STAFF COMPOSITION/EXPERTISE

a. What is the staff size of this organization in full time equivalents?

\_\_\_\_\_

b. What are the basic areas of your organization's staff expertise?

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Approximately how many full time employees serve primarily in each area?

\_\_\_\_\_

d. Do you expect a change in the number of employees over the next two years ?

Yes No

If YES, How will it change?

\_\_\_\_\_

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e. How will this change affect your organization?

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3. JURISDICTION (for non-political units only)

What is the jurisdictional level of your organization?

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|---------------|----------|--------------|
| International | State    | Municipal    |
| National      | Regional | Town         |
| Multi-state   | County   | Other: _____ |

4. MAJOR OBJECTIVES AND PLANS FOR \_\_\_\_\_

a. What are the major objectives set by your organization?

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b. To what extent are the objectives you just listed affected by any flood control project in \_\_\_\_\_?

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c. If the threat of flooding was reduced, would that have any effect on achieving the objective?

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NOW I WANT TO ASK A SERIES OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING FOUR ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT. THE THREE ALTERNATIVES ARE:

floodproofing, permanent evacuation, floodwalls and levees.

5. The first alternative that I want to discuss is the use of floodproofing around individual structures. Floodproofing is sometimes feasible around high value structures like the ones we are dealing with in \_\_\_\_\_. If that alternative were selected, would your organization have any involvement with implementing floodproofing? Yes No

[If NO, go to Q. 6i.]

If YES:

a. Does your organization have any experience with floodproofing structures? Yes No

If YES, Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Does, or would, your organization's involvement in floodproofing include assisting business owners in financing floodproofing costs for their structures? Yes No

If YES, Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Will your agency have the technical capability to assist local business owners with floodproofing structures? Yes No

If YES, describe: : \_\_\_\_\_

d. Do you know of any local or state agencies that have been involved in flood proofing in or near \_\_\_\_\_? Yes No

If YES, which agencies? : \_\_\_\_\_

e. Do you work with other agencies in administering the flood proofing program?

Yes No

f. Which ones? : \_\_\_\_\_

g. Could you explain how you work with these organizations?

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h. Does the law require that interaction?

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i. Does your organization feel that floodproofing is acceptable to the general public?

Yes No

j. Does your organization feel that floodproofing is acceptable to the political leaders?

Yes No

k. Would this alternative have any workload impact on your organization?

If YES, Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

l. Would floodproofing have any budget impact on your organization?

Yes No

If YES, Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

m. Are there any modifications to the floodproofing alternative that would make it more acceptable to your organization?

Yes No

If YES, Describe:

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6. The second alternative that I want to discuss is the use of permanent evacuation, that is, to move all businesses out of the area subject to flooding to higher ground in or near the city. If that alternative was accepted, would your organization have any involvement with the relocation process?

Yes No

If NO, go to Q 7

If YES: >>>>

a. Does your agency have the authority to purchase, condemn or otherwise acquire structures under a relocation project?      Yes    No

b. Does your organization have the financial capability to conduct a relocation project?      Yes    No      Partial

c. Who does, or who do you think should, provide the funds for a permanent relocation project? \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Which agencies would you cooperate with in implementing the permanent relocation?

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>> e. Does your organization feel that permanent relocation acceptable to the general public?      Yes    No

f. Would permanent relocation have any workload impact on your organization?      Yes    No

If YES, DESCRIBE:

g. Would this alternative have any budget impact on your organization?

Yes    No

If YES, DESCRIBE:

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h. Are there any modifications to the temporary evacuation alternative that would make it more acceptable to your organization?      Yes    No

If YES, DESCRIBE:

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7. The third alternative that I want to discuss is the construction of levees and floodwalls in \_\_\_\_\_. If levees and floodwalls were the selected alternative, there would be a combination of permanent and collapsible walls as shown in these illustrations. If this was the selected alternative, would your organization become involved in any of these activities:

a. Acquiring lands or easements for rights-of-way?      Yes      No

If YES:

1) Do you have the power of eminent domain for this purpose?

YES      NO

2) Would you work with any other agencies in acquiring these lands?

YES      NO

3) Which ones?

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b. If the levee floodwall alternative was selected. Federal Law requires that a local agency share in the cost and provide lands for the levees and floodwalls. Do you think that your agency would be interested in providing all or part of the local share?

YES      NO      Don't Know

Comments/Conditions:

1) If NO, Who do you think should share in the cost?

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2) If YES, How would funds be raised for the local share?

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3) If YES, Would you work with any other organizations in arranging the funding?

YES      NO

4) If YES, Which ones:

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c. If levees and floodwalls were built, a local agency will be required to assume operation and maintenance responsibilities. Is your agency willing to assume the operation and maintenance responsibility?

YES NO Don't Know

If YES:

1) Which Department of this organization would likely be responsible for [cooperating with on] Operation & Maintenance activities?

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2) Could you describe the staff of that department?

Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Would you work with any other organizations in arranging the funding?

Yes No

4) Which ones?

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8. To your knowledge, does this department have any experience with Operation and Maintenance of levees and floodwalls? Yes No Don't Know

d. Does your organization feel that levees and floodwalls are acceptable to the general public? Yes No

e. Would this alternative have any workload impact on your organization?

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If YES, DESCRIBE:

f. Would the levee and floodwall alternative have any workload impacts on your organization? YES NO

If YES, DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_



g. There are several alternative alignments proposed for the levee and floodwall alternative. [Explain the alternative alignments].

Alignment Number 1

1) What advantages do you see for the first alignment?

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2) What are the disadvantages? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) Are there any modifications to this alignment that would make it more acceptable to your organization? Yes No

If YES, DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

Alignment Number 2

1) What advantages do you see for the second alignment?

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2) What are the disadvantages? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) Are there any modifications to this alignment that would make it more acceptable to your organization? Yes No

If YES, DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

Alignment Number 3

1) What advantages do you see for the second alignment?

2) What are there disadvantages?            YES    NO

3) Are there any modifications to this alignment that would make it more acceptable to your organization? YES    NO

If YES, DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATIONS COMMENTS:

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That is all of the questions that I have, is there anything else that you would like to tell me or any questions that I can try to answer for you?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION.