

# FACT SHEET

## Alaska Assessment

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### Introduction

The Alaska Assessment replaces the Logistics Capability Assessment (LCA).

***The completed Alaska Assessment is due on or before December 31, 2017.***

### The Goal for Measuring Preparedness

The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's (DHS&EM) goal is to measure community disaster preparedness and:

- Identify gaps in capacity and capabilities
- Meet Federal grant requirements
- Capture preparedness activities and response assets
- Support our return on investment.

### Overview

Every community has an obligation to understand the risks it faces. Knowledge of these risks allows a community to make informed decisions about how to manage risk and develop capabilities. Risk is a product of a threat or hazard, the vulnerability of a community or facility to a threat or hazard, and the resulting consequences that may impact the community or facility. By considering changes to these elements, a jurisdiction can understand how to best manage risk exposure.

The Alaska Assessment expands on existing local, tribal, territorial, and other risk methodologies by broadening the factors considered in the process.

This is a step-by-step process:

- Step One is the community profile and summary of activities
- Step Two assesses the various threats and hazards facing a community
- Step Three assesses community vulnerability to those hazards using varying time, season, location, and community factors
- Steps Four and Five estimate the consequences of those threats and hazards and establish desired outcomes
- Step Six captures the results of the assessment for planning and preparedness activities across mitigation, response, and recovery

For example: a jurisdiction identifies earthquake as a hazard and assesses its vulnerabilities if an earthquake strikes at different times, seasons, or locations. Using the core capabilities, the jurisdiction assesses the impacts and identifies the desired outcomes.

## Materials

The following Alaska Assessment materials are located on the DHS&EM website:

- Fact Sheet
- Guidebook
- Example
- Template

Link: <http://ready.alaska.gov/grants.htm>

## Assessment Analysis and Reports

The Alaska Assessment will include a look at the community's preparedness activities, projects, and response assets through the phases of emergency management- Mitigation, Response and Recovery. Outcomes or products of the Alaska Assessment can be used as planning tools for communities and the State, helping to complete the Annual Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) and State Preparedness Report (SPR).

*Desired outcomes or products of the assessment include:*

- Charts and graphs that identify a measurement of preparedness
- Gaps in capacity and capabilities
- Progress to reduce the gaps from year to year
- Complete baseline community data to include

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