

UASI Post Disaster Economic Redevelopment Plan Overview

In 2007, the East Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy was adopted which outlines the vision for sustainable economic growth throughout the region. Unfortunately, progress towards achieving this vision may be interrupted by disasters, either natural or as a result of terrorism. The capability of the region to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters with regional impact will greatly affect its ability to continue implementing its vision.

Understanding the importance of this issue, the Orlando Urban Area Security Initiative provided DHS funding to develop a Post Disaster Economic Redevelopment Plan (PDERP) for the region. Over the last 6 months, the plan was developed by dedicated leaders from both private and public sector with the guidance of consultants from Calvin, Giordano, and Associates. The process identified relevant issues affecting the region's vision for restoring the economy following a disaster. It also details actions that can be taken prior to disasters to make business and industry more resilient and thus more likely to recover fully and with as minimal disruption as possible.

The purpose of the Post Disaster Economic Redevelopment Plan is to provide the East Central Florida Region with comprehensive guidance to key business and government leaders for restoring economic vitality following a disaster. This will avoid fragmented decision-making during the difficult and often chaotic disaster recovery period.