



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK AND TOOLS



What is Resilience?

Resilience includes life-cycle strategies and actions that address the mitigation, response, recovery, and reinvention of communities following a crisis.

Our Mission:

To enable communities to prepare, respond, adapt, and recover from acute shocks and chronic stressors to varied social, economic, and physical environments and hazards through research, assessments, and program planning and implementation.

Our Vision:

Thriving communities resilient to natural and man-made hazards with reduced loss of life and damage to property.

IBTS CRAFT

The IBTS Community Resilience Assessment Framework and Tools (CRAFT) provide a platform for small communities to assess and, in turn, strengthen their social, economic, and government resilience. The tools are used in partnership with our resilience subject matter experts and are strategically designed to address the needs, challenges, and most pertinent threats faced by small and medium-sized communities. They are intended to:

- ✓ **Help cities identify their resilience strengths**
- ✓ **Provide practical suggestions for improving weaker areas of resilience**
- ✓ **Support communities in increasing their safety, security, and stability, which ultimately improves the quality of life for their residents, makes them more competitive, and mitigates the loss of life and property in the event of a crisis**



CRAFT addresses stresses and shocks ranging from social inequities and natural disasters to economic vulnerabilities, catastrophic infrastructure failure, unexpected government personnel changes, and beyond. This scalable, repeatable solution is based upon a thorough methodology that includes on-site stakeholder assessment reviews, community site visits, project impact analyses, project recommendations, and technical assistance.



Subject Matter Expertise

We understand the challenges and threats faced by small cities across the U.S. We developed CRAFT using insights and experiences gained from our work in providing small cities with local government solutions and municipal operations, combined with our expertise in the built environment, natural disaster management, and energy and sustainability. IBTS has positioned the tools to not only identify strengths and weaknesses, but to also guide stakeholders toward actionable solutions that will help municipalities build upon their own resources to develop projects unique to the fabric of their community.

About IBTS

We are building resilient communities by reducing risk and providing quality assurance measures to improve quality of life. Specializing in community development, disaster recovery, environment and parks, infrastructure, local government services, and resilience planning, we help you meet governance challenges while enhancing public safety, economic development, and the general welfare of communities.

- **Established to provide the highest quality professional services**
- **A nonprofit organization**



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