

# SELF-DIRECTED RESILIENCY TOOLKIT FOR GA AIRPORTS

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### TOOLKIT BENEFITS PROVIDED TO GA AIRPORTS

- Identify the shocks and stressors most applicable to their airport and understand how to address them
- Develop tailored strategies that seek to combine actions to “multi-solve” to gain efficiencies and optimize resources instead of addressing singular shocks or stressors individually
- Match project needs to available funding sources
- Optimize limited financial, staffing, or other resources (e.g., political, social, and environmental capital)
- Leverage lessons learned from similar airports and apply those lessons locally
- Engage key stakeholders with proven strategies
- Communicate the critical functions of GA airports in communities when advocating for resources

### TOOLKIT COMPONENTS

- Resilience Handbook** that introduces the toolkit
- Resilience Assessment Analysis Tool** that helps to identify potential shocks and stressors and their impacts
- Resiliency Plan Templates** to help document and build a plan
- Airport Resiliency Exercise in a Box** to test and validate plans and plan elements
- Additional Supporting Materials** such as communications and collaborations guidance

This innovative toolkit will serve to empower GA airports to conduct cost-effective resiliency planning and prepare facilities across the country for current and future shocks and stressors.

### SCREENSHOT: ASSESSMENT ANALYSIS TOOL

ID	Area	Expected Impacts	# of shocks/stressors impacted	Human Pandemic	Earthquakes (i.e., Cascadia Subduction Zone)	Flooding and/or Sea-Level Rise	Winter Storms	Pilot Shortages	Fuel Price Increases	Hurricanes	Tornadoes	Personnel Issues	Financial Stress/Resilience Issues	Severe Weather (wind, monsoons, haboobs, extreme temperatures)
49	General/Operational	Risk of harm to human life	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes			Yes
50	General/Operational	Delay of emergency services	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes			Yes
51	General/Operational	Violation of regulations as a result of irregular operations	7		Yes					Yes	Yes			Yes
52	General/Operational	Increase in noise complaints	1											Yes
53	General/Operational	Decreased air quality	8	Yes	Yes					Yes	Yes			Yes
54	General/Operational	Impacts to airport level of service	23	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
55	General/Operational	Increased insect populations	4			Yes				Yes				Yes

## PURPOSE

This **Self-Directed Resiliency Toolkit** provides GA airport managers—often limited in resources and staff—with the information, tools, and processes necessary to enhance resilience in cost-effective and efficient ways. Through engagement with the toolkit, GA airport facilities can

1. Ensure their continued operational resilience to minimize and address disruptions to operations, and
2. Continue providing invaluable services to their communities.

## WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

Resilience is “the ability to prepare for anticipated hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions.”

## SELF-DIRECTED RESILIENCY TOOLKIT ELEMENTS

integrated with the national preparedness system process



## WHY CARE ABOUT RESILIENCE?

As connectors to rural communities, relievers of larger metropolitan airport systems, and providers of critical services, GA airports serve a fundamental role to the transportation system and generate nearly \$80 billion in annual economic activity.

They also serve critical functions before, during, and after disasters, acting as focal locations for distributing disaster relief, and as search and rescue deployment bases for wildfires, storms, floods, and other natural hazards. Despite their significance, their role is often overlooked — until they cannot fulfill it.

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