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TITLE: Measurement of Community Dislocation Sensitivity
and Adjustment Potential

DESCRIPTION: The study endeavors to develop and test a method of statistical indicators which can be used to evaluate the sensitivity of communities to economic dislocations from changes in defense spending and the potential of the communities for economic adjustment to such changes. The method will be developed from data applicable to nine selected communities. The procedure involves determining in the first instance the economic and demographic characteristics which bear on dislocation sensitivity and adjustment potential--income, employment, and fiscal dependency on defense activity, non-defense economic activity, public and social services, resource and transportation assets and liabilities, regional environment, economic institutions, and similar measures. Data sources to represent these characteristics then will be examined and available data collected. The final step will be to draw on the data to describe and analyze important economic relationships and to convert these relationships (or combinations of relationships) into appropriate indicators.

The data from the project will be drawn from existing available sources--Federal, state, and local. Should the data available prove inadequate to develop a useful indicator system, the study will indicate the nature of the data gaps which must be filled to develop such a system.

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