MARKET ANALYSIS CHECKLIST

1) Description of Market Area

- a) Size (total population)
- b) Topographical features
- c) Transportation arteries, ease of access
- d) Direction of recent growth
- e) Special features characteristics, and considerations
- f) Community development planned or in process
- g) Map of area

2) Economic of Market Area

- a) Brief history of growth and development
- b) Analysis of office and retail markets, strength and weakness
- c) Employment: types and trends
- d) Principal employers
- e) Unemployment: current levels and trends
- f) Average family income: current levels and trends

3) Demographics of Market Area

- a) Distribution by age
- b) Distribution by education
- c) Distribution by household size
- d) Special features, for example, military-connected households
- e) Current estimate and future trends

4) Conditions of Market Area

- a) Housing supply: characteristics by type and structural condition
- b) Residential building activity: current and planned
- c) Description of comparable competitive project: number of units, size, rents
- d) Absorption of comparable projects (by month, by year)
- e) Tenure of occupancy: current estimate and past trends
- f) Vacancy rates: owners and renters
- g) Mortgage market: activity and source of funds
- h) Sales market: volume, prices, inventory, and outlook
- i) Rental market: existing/new, prices and outlook, volume

5) Demand for Housing

- a) Projected increase in types of household
- b) Locations favorable for market absorption
- c) Occupancy potential for subsidized/non-subsidized single family units
- d) Occupancy potential for subsidized/non-subsidized multi-family units

6) Conclusions

- a) Does market exist for intended use
- b) Recommend bedroom mix, amenities, rents, etc.
- c) Projected sales or absorption rates