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Alloy distributed about 750 surveys to business clients throughout the region. We believe the latest survey's findings from its 71 responses allow us, along with area legislators, media, and the public, to further understand the mood of our business community. We will continue to conduct the survey on a quarterly basis so we thank you for your participation.

Here are the anonymous responses:

- 1) Currently, what is your biggest surprise about the economy?
 - **30% THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**
 - **27% THE STOCK MARKET**
 - **22% WORSE THAN I EXPECTED**
 - **10% BETTER THAN I EXPECTED**
 - **11% NO ANSWER**
- 2) What is the best decision the national administration has made this year?
 - **51% NONE**
 - **26% THE STIMULUS PACKAGE**
 - **13% PUSHING HEALTHCARE**
 - **2% REMOVING MISSILE DEFENSES**
 - **8% NO ANSWER**
- 3) Is the stimulus program starting to help?
 - **48% NO**
 - **36% YES**
 - **16% NO ANSWER**
- 4) Is government intervention a temporary necessity or a move toward socialism?
 - **48% MOVE TOWARD SOCIALISM**
 - **41% TEMPORARY NECESSITY**
 - **10% NO ANSWER**
- 5) What is the probability of a destabilizing event such as a pre-emptive strike of Iranian nuclear site within six months?
 - **22% 0 PERCENT**
 - **42% 25 PERCENT**
 - **21% 50 PERCENT**
 - **1% 90 PERCENT**
 - **11% NO ANSWER**
- 6) Will a new healthcare bill likely give us a better health care system?
 - **72% NO**
 - **20% YES**
 - **7% NO ANSWER**
- 7) Is the national economy:
 - **24% GETTING BETTER**
 - **33% STABLE**
 - **37% SLIPPING**
 - **6% NO ANSWER**
- 8) Is the local economy:
 - **16% GETTING BETTER**
 - **31% STABLE**
 - **44% SLIPPING**
 - **9% NO ANSWER**
- 9) Is your company:
 - **22% GETTING BETTER**
 - **44% STABLE**
 - **27% SLIPPING**
 - **7% NO ANSWER**
- 10) What is today's most important national issue?
 - **90% THE ECONOMY**
 - **3% HEALTHCARE**
 - **2% THE ENVIRONMENT**
 - **0% IRAN AND/OR AFGHANISTAN**
 - **4% NO ANSWER**
- 11) What is today's most important local issue?
 - **44% TAXES IN GENERAL**
 - **27% PROPERTY TAXES**
 - **17% UNEMPLOYMENT**
 - **8% POLITICAL CORRUPTION**
 - **4% NO ANSWER**

