

one group--the entire Northwestern U.S. However, as the interviewing progressed, we thought there might possibly be a difference between the responses in one sector of the Northwestern U.S. and the responses of another sector. When we got to the interview analysis stage, we decided to break the interviews into two groups--eastern sector of the study area and western sector. The eastern sector includes the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska, with the western sector made up of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho. This division of the Northwestern U.S. placed nine interview cities in the eastern sector and seven in the western. In effect, the study area would be separated by a line drawn on a map from Regina to Denver. We rationalized that we could always combine the two sectors into one group if the sector approach did not prove fruitful. Our only loss would be the time spent in making separate analyses of the interviews.

4. Summary of Interviews

While not all of the interview factors showed a difference between sectors, many of them provided a clear-cut distinction between the two sectors. The various major factors from the interviews are summarized below: