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Announcing 2016 National Awards in Excellence Winners

Sacramento - The Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) Board of Directors in partnership with the Northeast States Emergency Consortium (NESEC), the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), and the Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup (CREW) is pleased to announce the winners of the *2016 National Awards in Excellence* in the following categories:

Educational Outreach to Business/Government: presented to the Utah Geological Survey for their "Basin and Range Province Seismic Hazards Summit III (BRPSHIII)". The summit brought together scientists, engineers, emergency planners, and policy makers to discuss and evaluate the latest seismic-hazard research and identify ways to further reduce risk from earthquakes in the region.

Educational Outreach to the General Public: presented to the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency for their "Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program (HHARP)". The goal of the program is to enhance community resilience following earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes and floods through outreach, education and providing resources.

Educational Outreach to Schools: presented to the Central Washington University (CWU), Oregon State University, and the University of Portland for their "Cascadia EarthScope Earthquake and Tsunami Education Program (CEETEP)". The program aims to improve Cascadia disaster resilience through educator professional development.

Innovations: presented to Oregon Public Broadcasting for their "'Unprepared'" year-long radio, television and online campaign. The series examined the state of Oregon's preparedness for a Cascadia earthquake.

Multi-jurisdictional Planning: presented to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for their "Indiana Building Emergency Assessment and Monitoring Team (I-BEAM)". The project provides trained volunteers to assist with the structural analysis and damage assessment of buildings that have been affected by a disaster.

The National Awards are presented every four years and recognize organizations and agencies for their achievements as demonstrated through exemplary programs, projects, and products that address earthquake risk reduction within the United States. The Awards will be presented at the National Earthquake Conference held at The Hilton Long Beach in Long Beach, California, on May 5, 2016. Summaries of the 2016 winning programs and projects are posted on the Western States Seismic Policy Council's website at www.wsspc.org.

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