

## Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI)

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EERI is a national, multidisciplinary association devoted to developing a better understanding of earthquake causes and effects and to minimizing their damaging impacts. Our members come from all the major academic disciplines and professions in the earthquake hazard reduction field. For EERI members, the reduction of earthquake damage is both a primary professional and personal concern.

For the past four decades, EERI has provided primary leadership in identifying needed research and in improving the incorporation of research findings into practice. Today EERI's 2200 members remain strongly committed to strengthening earthquake hazard mitigation policies, programs, and research efforts.

In the pursuing these objectives, the Institute is known for its field investigations and reconnaissance reports detailing the effects of destructive earthquakes. This work has been supported by the National Science Foundation for many years. EERI also produces a variety of other earthquake-related materials, slides, and videos, and publishes a monthly Newsletter and a quarterly technical journal, Earthquake Spectra. The Institute actively promotes the exchange of state-of-the-art information between research and practice by sponsoring annual meetings, national conferences, technical seminars, and post-earthquake briefings.

**EERI HAS** has created a State and Local Policy Action Program designed to provide clear and accurate information to state and local governments on earthquake hazard mitigation. This program supports members' initiatives to provide perspective and input on public policy at the state and local level.

EERI is currently engaged in a cooperative agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Under the auspices of this program, EERI offers Graduate NEHRP Fellowship and a Professional mid-career Fellowship; produces regional seminars and national conferences; distributes conference reports and

other technical materials; supports EERI Student Chapter activities; and stands ready to brief members of Congress and agency officials in the immediate aftermath of major earthquakes.