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NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE CONFERENCE AWARDS IN EXCELLENCE AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT TO RECOGNIZE LEADERS IN EARTHQUAKE RISK REDUCTION

Sacramento: February 26, 2008 – Nominations for the 2008 National Awards in Excellence and Lifetime Achievement in earthquake risk reduction are now being accepted.

The 2008 National Awards in Excellence will be presented to individuals on behalf of their representative organizations, educational institutions, or agencies that have significantly contributed to reducing earthquake risk in the U.S. in one of the following categories: Mitigation, Response & Recovery, Plans/Materials, Research, Multi-Jurisdictional Planning, Innovations and Outreach Programs. Selection criteria include the effectiveness of a new approach to problems or issues, evidence of positive outcomes, at least a one-year history, and its applicability to other locations, issues, or problems.

The 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding leaders in earthquake risk reduction. This person or persons will have demonstrated throughout his or her career an extraordinary commitment, level of service, and contribution to the application of earthquake risk reduction to public policy. Selection criteria include effectiveness as an earthquake risk communicator, influence and inspiration in bringing about earthquake risk reduction and successful establishment and implementation of public policy.

The Awards in Excellence and Lifetime Achievement are key elements of the National Earthquake Conference, which will be held in Seattle, Washington, on April 22-26, 2008. The deadline for nominations is February 29, 2008. Self-nominations are accepted.

Award winners will be honored at an awards luncheon held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, during the Conference. Winners will also be featured on the Conference website (www.earthquakeconference.org/awards).

“A lot of good work is being done to reduce earthquake risk,” says Sutch. “These awards are a way to not only recognize the best programs, projects, and products, but also to shine a national spotlight on great ideas. The winners are effective models for others to follow.”

For more information about the National Earthquake Conference Awards in Excellence and Lifetime Achievement, please contact Patti Sutch at 916-444-6816 or psutch@wsspc.org.

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