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**WSSPC Board of Directors Names 2014 Awards in Excellence Winners;  
Washington State Emergency Management and Partners Win Overall Award in  
Excellence for Multijurisdictional Planning**

**Sacramento** - The Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the winners of the *2014 Awards in Excellence*. The *Overall Award in Excellence* in the category of *Multijurisdictional Planning* was awarded to the *Washington State Earthquake Scenario Catalog*, a collaborative project of Washington Emergency Management; the U.S. Geological Survey Pacific Northwest Team; the Federal Emergency Management Agency Regions 8 & 10; Washington Division of Geology and Earth Sciences; Western Washington University Resilience Institute; and URS Corporation.

“Washington State Emergency Management and its partners are honored to receive the WSSPC 2014 Overall Award in Excellence for the *Washington State Earthquake Scenario Catalog*,” said EMD Director Robert Ezelle. “This catalog is designed to help emergency planners better understand and visualize potential consequences of seismic events that could occur across the state, as well as employ more effective risk-reduction strategies. The success of our collaboration demonstrates how scientists, academicians, and practitioners can work together to enhance public safety and community resiliency.”

Also selected for a *2014 Award in Excellence* in other categories were the following:

*Non-Profit Agency Efforts:* presented to the International Code Council Evaluation Services for *ICC Evaluation Reports*; and

*Research Projects:* presented to the University of California San Diego, Department of Structural Engineering, for the *Performance of Hospital Components in Earthquakes and Fires*; and

*Response Plans/Materials:* presented to the Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources for *DGER Report of Investigations 36*; and

*Educational Outreach:* presented to the California Earthquake Authority for *Public Education, Mitigation, and Research Activities*; and

*Legislation:* presented to the Oregon House of Representatives for *House Resolution 0003 - Creating the Oregon Resilience Plan*.

The WSSPC *Awards in Excellence* program was started in 1996 to recognize achievement in different areas of earthquake mitigation, preparedness and response. The Awards will be presented at the 2014 Western States Seismic Policy Council Annual Meeting held at BP Energy Center in Anchorage, Alaska, on July 21, 2014. Summaries of the 2014 winning programs and projects are posted on the Western States Seismic Policy Council’s website at [www.wsspc.org](http://www.wsspc.org).

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