

2004 National Awards of Excellence Winners



The 2004 National Earthquake Conference Awards of Excellence are given to persons, organizations, or agencies that have contributed significantly to addressing earthquake risk reduction within the U.S. through their achievements, leadership, and dedication. Special emphasis is placed on those who have demonstrated these qualities as part of a collaborative effort in addressing the hazard.

Each person and agency receiving the Award of Excellence was recognized for achieving excellence in the program(s) it has undertaken. The success of each program has been the result of the hard work by the individuals in these agencies. The 2004 National Earthquake Conference Organizing Committee congratulates them for their innovation and diligence. Each awarded program is described below.

Category: Mitigation

WorkSafe Technologies: ISO-Base Seismic Isolation Platform

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Doug Marsh (far left) and Steve Gazek of The Boeing Company, and Don Hubbard (center), Vaughan Mason, and Michael Reilly (far right) of WorkSafe Technologies accept award at the 2004 National Earthquake Conference.

Businesses of all sizes have become reliant on computing infrastructure and computing networks for the conduct of daily business. Building contents, especially computing equipment, can be destroyed by seismic forces rendering businesses unable to function as well as posing a threat to the safety of employees.

ISO-Base platforms protect mainframe processors, optical drives, LAN racks, instrument tables, and other sensitive equipment from seismic shock and vibration.

At the heart of the system is our patented Ball-N-Cone seismic isolation bearing, consisting of two load plates with matching conical recesses sandwiched over a steel ball bearing. Using gravity as a restoring force, the bearing re-centers itself as shaking intensity decreases. This unique design allows the platform to roll smoothly and evenly while accepting input ground accelerations from any direction.

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Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy: Development and Implementation of Seismic Design Policy

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Ivan Wong of URS Corporation (left) and John Masek of ABS Consulting (right) accept 2004 Award of Excellence from Patti Sutch (center) on behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy.

The Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy (MWDSLS) is a non-profit special-service district supported by taxes and fees for water provided. The MWDSLS recognized its vulnerability to earthquake

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