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NIST R&D on Seismic Performance of Buildings in the Central and Eastern U.S.

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Seismic Performance of Buildings in the Central and Eastern U.S.

- 2011 new start
- Work currently being performed in-house
- Project to examine interrelationships between design requirements to accommodate wind loading and design requirements to accommodate earthquake loading
- Initial focus: Structural steel moment and braced frames in areas where strength requirements may be controlled by wind but where buildings may be in Seismic Design Category D
- Premise: May be possible to reduce seismic detailing requirements (for ductility) where certain (to be determined) ratios of strength provided by wind design to strength provided by seismic demands are exceeded (*e.g.*, robustness may lessen need for ductility)
- 2011-2012 effort to key on 9 archetypical steel systems of varying heights and plan areas



Cost-Benefit Analysis of Codes & Standards for Earthquake-Resistant Construction in Selected U.S. Regions, Phase 1 (1/3)

- 2010 new start
- Work being performed by NEHRP Consultants Joint Venture, NCJV (ATC + CUREE)
- Up to 8 archetypical buildings to be designed to a level of completion ("preliminary engineering design") that will be adequate to support detailed construction cost estimation
- For each building:
 - Design 1: "Aseismic" design
 - > Design 2: Seismic design using current local building code requirements
 - Design 3: Seismic design using 2009 NEHRP Recommended Provisions for New Buildings and Other Structures (FEMA P-750) and ASCE 7-10



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- Sites to typify Mid-America (*e.g.*, Memphis, Dyersburg, TN; Blytheville, AR; Paducah, KY; Charleston, Sikeston, MO)
- Moderate to severe site conditions to be represented, in accordance with actual site conditions in areas of interest (work with established hazard maps)
- Buildings to be typical low and mid-rise commercial and residential buildings, with at least one "essential" building (*e.g.* hospital, fire station) included
- Emphasis to be placed on buildings (structural systems) that are likely to be significantly impacted by seismic design
- Structural irregularities and unique architectural features to be minimized
- To extent that is possible based on local cooperation, will use recently constructed buildings to form basis of archetypes



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 Designs to include all typical structural and non-structural features that are normally impacted by seismic design considerations

• Project Technical Committee (PTC) to include knowledgeable earthquake practitioners with structural, architectural, cost estimation, and building code expertise

 PTC to balance extensive knowledge of seismic design with in-depth knowledge of local practices

 Project Review Panel (PRP) to include expertise similar to PTC, as well as geotechnical engineering and local building code officials

Project funded @ ~\$510K in FY 2010, with completion anticipated in 2-3 years

