

July 15, 2022

Dear Colleague,

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), as the lead agency for the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP or Program), is requesting public comments on the updated *Strategic Plan for NEHRP, Fiscal Years 2022-2029*.

The goal of NEHRP is to improve the performance of the built environment in the United States to mitigate the effects of strong ground shaking. This involves study of earthquake ground motions, source locations and design level hazards for use by design professionals, study of improvements to materials, design philosophies and building codes and development of improved approaches for disaster response as well as improvements to social science systems to insure equity.

In this Plan, four coordinated strategic goals and eighteen supporting strategic objectives were established to support the Program policy, vision, and mission. Eight focus areas were also identified that address issues with serious public need coupled with impactful opportunities for innovation and advancement toward seismic risk reduction.

The 30-day public comment period opens today (July 15, 2022) and will close at 11:59 pm on August 15, 2022. Comments may be submitted via an online comment form available on the NEHRP website at [https://nehrp.gov/about/PublicComment\\_2022.htm](https://nehrp.gov/about/PublicComment_2022.htm), or by email to [Tina.Faecke@nist.gov](mailto:Tina.Faecke@nist.gov) using the Word (.docx) template available at [https://nehrp.gov/about/PublicComment\\_2022.htm](https://nehrp.gov/about/PublicComment_2022.htm). In the email subject line, please use “Public Comment for NEHRP Strategic Plan”.

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Thank you in advance for your time and your valued feedback!

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