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STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS TO JOIN CHILDREN FROM SOUTH LOS ANGELES TO DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON AT CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER'S SHAKEOUT DRILL – OCT. 15

WHAT: 100 fourth grade students from Lenicia B. Weems Elementary School will join millions of Californians in participating in the largest earthquake preparedness drill in U.S. history, "The Great California ShakeOut." Following the Drop, Cover and Hold On drill, invited guest speakers listed below will provide brief comments. Additionally, ShakeOut organizers and other officials will be available for interviews. Ready America's *SHAKER earthquake simulator will be available to media as early as 5 a.m.*

- Superintendent, Jack O'Connell, California Department of Education
- Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County, Second District
- Chief Scientist, Dr. Lucy Jones, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey
- Executive Director, Mark Benthien, Earthquake Country Alliance/SCEC
- Deputy Director, Administration, Cheryl Tateishi, California Science Center

WHERE: California Science Center - 700 Exposition Park Dr., Los Angeles 90037

Enter the visitor parking lot at Figueroa St. & 39th/Exposition Park Dr. - Show press credential for complimentary parking. **(News vans should enter on Figueroa St. at State Dr. underneath DC-8 plane)**

WHEN: Thu., Oct. 15 (Main Event: 9:45-11:30 a.m. -Please refer to schedule below for other events)

SCHEDULE: 5-9:45 a.m.: SHAKER is available for live or taped interviews

9:45-10:15 a.m.: Students engaged in earthquake education activities

10:15-10:18 a.m.: Drop, Cover, and Hold On drill with all present

10:20-10:35 a.m.: Comments from invited guests

10:35-11:30 a.m.: One-on-One interview opportunities. Students (L.A. County Fire Department's "Yogi Bear Shakey Quakey Schoolhouse") and adults (SHAKER) participate in earthquake simulators

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