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Re: The Great Washington Shakeout

Washington Association of Building Officials is in strong support of and encourages participation in the Great Washington Shakeout on October 18, 2012. Every major seismic event that occurs around the world serves as a reminder that the Northwest is a very active seismic region and preparation is essential to aid in protecting our communities and rendering assistance in the aftermath of an earthquake. A response to any emergency situation requires the teamwork of professionals to collaborate together for an expedient recovery for the state’s citizens and industries. The Great Washington Shakeout provides this opportunity to strengthen these relationships now in preparation for what the future may hold.

The Washington Association of Building Officials is a professional organization dedicated to effective code administration promoting the health, safety and welfare of the general public within the state. WABO created an Emergency Management Committee to support city and county government agencies rendering emergency aid to one another, one result of this effort was the adoption of the “Intrastate Building Safety Mutual Aid System.”

It is our continuing goal to look for ways to build and sustain safe, resilient communities within Washington State.

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