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Tenth U.S. National Conference on Earthquake Engineering Kicks off in Anchorage

EERI convenes over a thousand professionals and researchers from across the United States and around the world

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ANCHORAGE, AK, July 15, 2014 — More than a thousand academics, practitioners, students, and public officials, including delegates from nearly 50 countries, will attend the 10th U.S. National Conference on Earthquake Engineering (10NCEE) from July 21-25, 2014 in Anchorage, Alaska. The 10NCEE commemorates the 50th anniversary year of the 1964 M9.2 Great Alaska earthquake and tsunami.

Every four years leaders in the field of earthquake risk reduction come together for the nation's premier earthquake conference. The theme for the 10NCEE is "Frontiers of Earthquake Engineering," reflecting both the location of the meeting and the technical program's focus on research and practice that sits on the edge of what we know today, looking forward.

"The 1964 Great Alaska earthquake and tsunami, a 9.2 magnitude megathrust event, was not only the largest earthquake ever measured in North America; it also triggered major advances in our understanding of plate tectonics, and helped usher in the modern era of structural and geotechnical seismic engineering in the United States," said Jay Berger, EERI Executive Director.

Notable regional speakers include Alaska Governor **Sean Parnell**, Anchorage Mayor **Dan Sullivan**, current Alaska State Seismologist **Mike West**, and former Alaska State Seismologist **John Davies** who will all be part of the opening session on Tuesday morning, July 22. There is a rich and diverse program looking at earthquake risk reduction research and implementation efforts in Alaska and across the globe.

The 10NCEE brings together leading experts—professionals and researchers—in multidisciplinary earthquake risk reduction fields from across the United States and around the world. Over 800 papers and presentations on issues critical to earthquake engineers, scientists, policymakers, and disaster mitigation professionals will be presented and discussed over four days.

The conference is organized by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) with support from the George E. Brown, Jr. Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES). EERI's 2014 Annual Meeting, its 66th, is integrated into the 10NCEE program. The 11th Annual EERI Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition will draw hundreds of the nation's brightest engineering undergraduates from 31 leading universities to present and test balsa wood models of skyscrapers on a shake table.

The 10NCEE offers a plethora of exciting speakers, presentations, exhibits, field trips, and other networking opportunities that are ideal for participants—whether they are at the peak of their professional lives or just starting their careers—who are interested in sharing and learning more about the dynamic field of earthquake risk reduction.

For conference and program details, visit the 10NCEE website at http://10ncee.org and the 10NCEE web app at http://10ncee.org/10ncee-web-app.

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