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SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES AWARD FOR EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

At its October 24 meeting, the Utah Seismic Safety Commission congratulated the Salt Lake City School District for receiving an Award In Excellence from the Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC). The award was presented by WSSPC at its 2003 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon, September 20-24, 2003. The WSSPC Awards In Excellence are granted each year for outstanding achievement in earthquake mitigation, preparedness, and response.

The Salt Lake City School District received the award for its manual "Seismic Design Criteria of Non-Structural Systems for New and Existing School Facilities." The District helped fund and produce the manual as a part of its 15-year plan to rebuild or retrofit all 38 District schools. The manual was developed because much of the damage and loss resulting from an earthquake is caused by failure of the non-structural elements of a building, such as partitions, ceilings, mechanical and electrical equipment, cabinets, and shelves. The District's design teams are using the manual in each new and remodel project.

Gregg Smith, Director of Buildings and Grounds, accepted the award for the Salt Lake City School District.

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