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## MEMORANDUM

TO: UACIR Earthquake Task Force members

FROM: M. Lee Allison, UGMS

SUBJECT: December UACIR meeting and earthquake legislation

The UACIR is meeting December 7, 1990 at 10:00 am at the Salt Lake Hilton Hotel (150 West 500 South). Earthquake legislation will be on the agenda, including a presentation and discussion of the State and Local Affairs Interim Committee's Natural Disaster Commission bill (Richard North), and a discussion of the need for additional legislation (Lee Allison).

I would like to thank all of you that commented on the Natural Disaster Commission bill. We have compiled those comments and sent them to UACIR. I will present them at the meeting.

Also, because the State and Local Affairs Interim Committee does not plan to address earthquake issues beyond the Natural Disaster Commission bill, we were asked to further prioritize the Task Force's final list to identify items of greatest urgency for 1991 legislation. Because there was insufficient time to call the entire Task Force back together for discussion, I generated the list based on my work as a Task Force Committee Chairman, and on my on-going discussions with Jim Tingey (also a Task Force Committee Chairman) and Walter Arabasz (State Earthquake Program). The list is included for your information, and as you can see it consists essentially of the top three priority groups from the Task Force's final list. The only item not included was communications, mainly because firm cost estimates are not available and because communications issues involve much more than just earthquake response.

I would urge any Task Force members interested to attend the meeting. It may be our last chance to make a push for additional legislation.

## CRITICAL NEEDS FOR 1991 EARTHQUAKE LEGISLATION

as drawn from

### UACIR EARTHQUAKE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

December 6, 1991

The Utah Advisory Council for Intergovernmental Relations (UACIR) staff requested that the UACIR Earthquake Task Force's list of priorities for earthquake legislation be further prioritized to include only those critical and urgent needs which must be addressed by the 1991 legislature. This list is presented below, in order of priority.

#### LEGISLATION ALREADY PREPARED AND SPONSORED

- 1) **Establish a Seismic Safety Commission to oversee and coordinate the state earthquake program.**
  - the State and Local Affairs Interim Committee has prepared legislation (HB 11, Natural Disaster Commission); Representatives Donald LeBaron and Ray Nielsen, sponsors.
- 2) **Earthquake instrumentation.**
  - to be filed; Senator Craig Peterson and Representative Donald LeBaron, sponsors.

#### ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION NEEDED

- 1) **Require that fees collected by local governments for building plan checks be used for that purpose to more effectively implement the Uniform Building Code structural/seismic provisions.**
  - No appropriation necessary
- 2) **Assess seismic vulnerability of schools and fire stations.**
  - Schools - \$250,000
  - Fire Stations - \$190,000
- 3) **Increase public awareness to improve personal and family preparedness.**
  - \$50,000 state funds to GEM; \$50,000 federal match
- 4) **Training for disaster preparedness and urban search and rescue.**
  - \$60,000 state and/or local government funds; \$60,000 federal match