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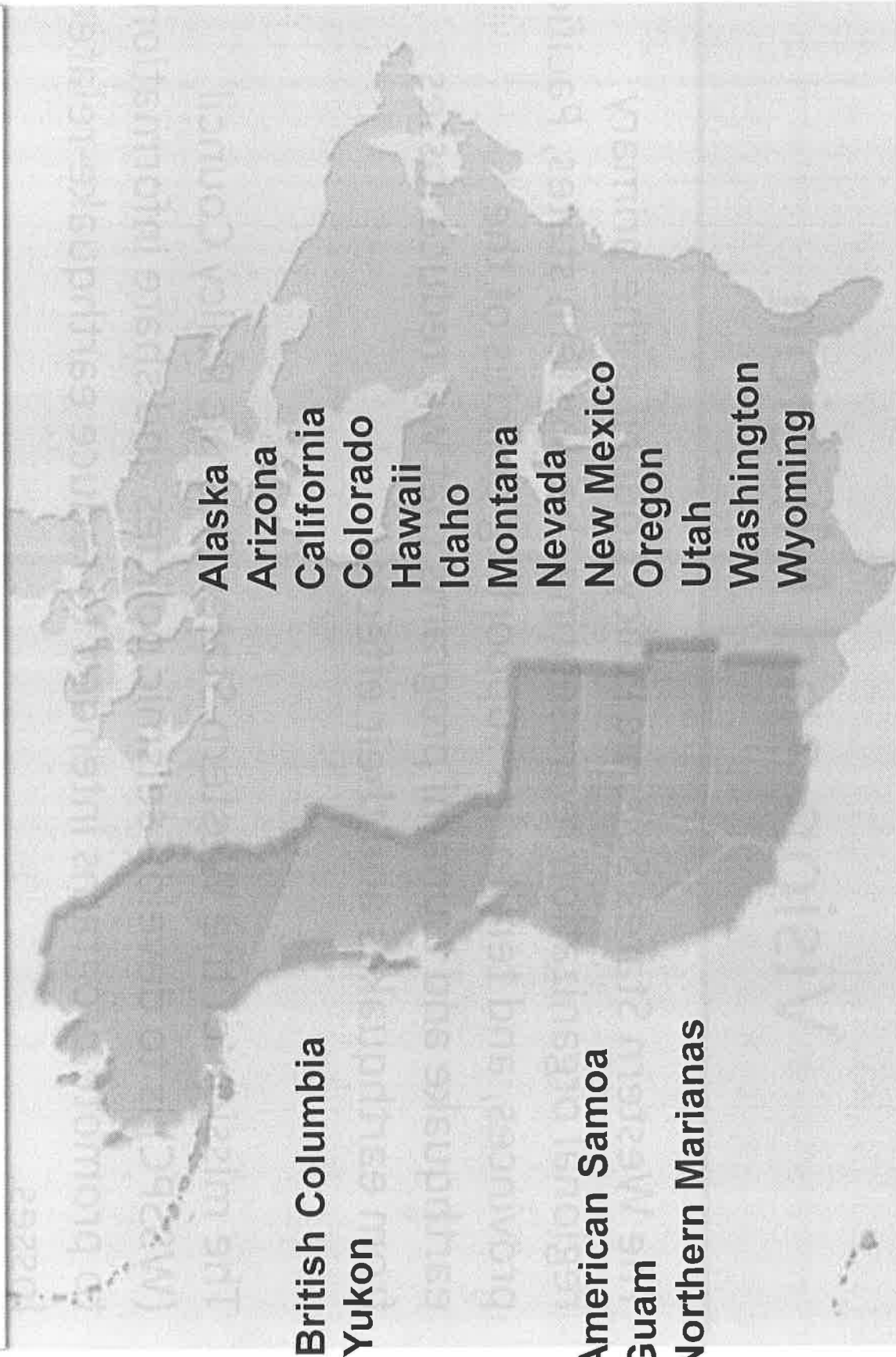
We develop seismic policies and share information to promote programs intended to reduce earthquake related losses.

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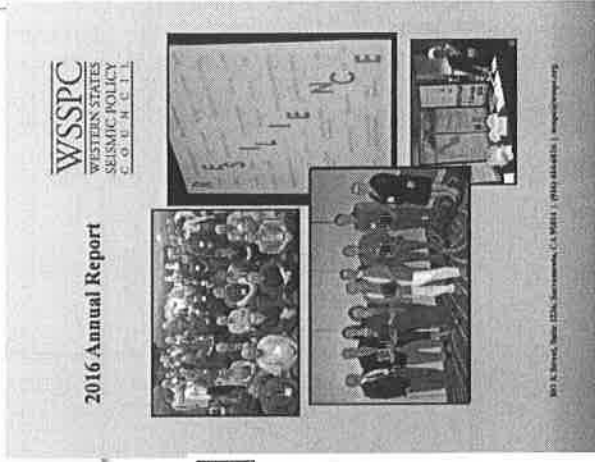
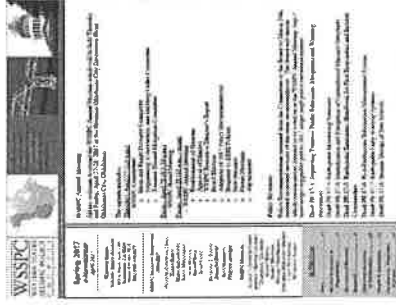
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WSSPC Goals

- **Promote** regional cooperation and the interaction of the State Emergency Management, State Geological Surveys, and State Seismic Councils and Commissions in the formation of seismic policy.
- **Improve** the overall awareness of earthquake hazards and methods to mitigate the associated risks; develop strategies to enhance earthquake preparedness; and support earthquake studies and earthquake preparedness activities that will reduce or eliminate deaths, injuries and property damage.
- **Serve** as a resource for earthquake-related materials, information, training programs and workshops, in coordination with other regional and national earthquake organizations.
- **Adopt** policy recommendations that support state earthquake programs, policies, and actions.

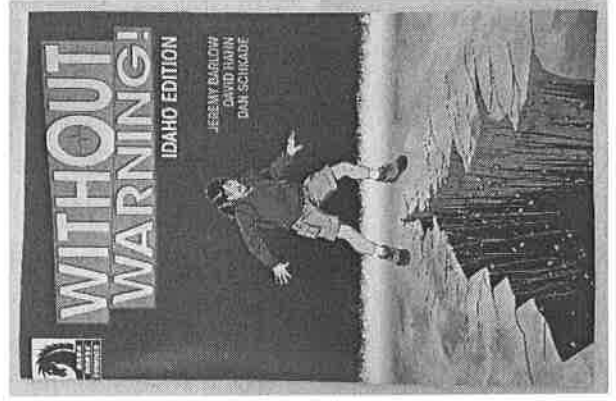
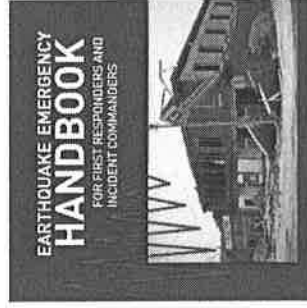
Programs

- **Conferences, Workshops and Training**
 - National EQ Program Managers meetings
 - Quadrennial National Earthquake Conferences
 - Earthquake Early Warning training
 - Communicating with Policymakers Workshop
 - Risk Communication Workshop
 - Alaska's Next Big Earthquake Workshop
 - Building a Resilient Hawaii Workshop



- **Outreach**

- Quarterly e-newsletters
- Monthly Bulletins
- Website
- Annual Report
- Publications – Earthquake Emergency Handbook
- State Support – Billboards, banners, reports, comic books



Awards in Excellence Index

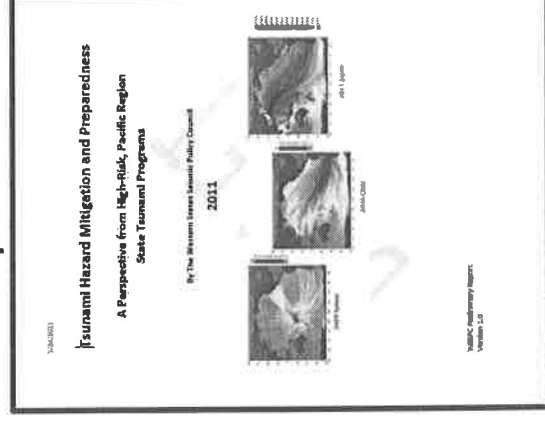
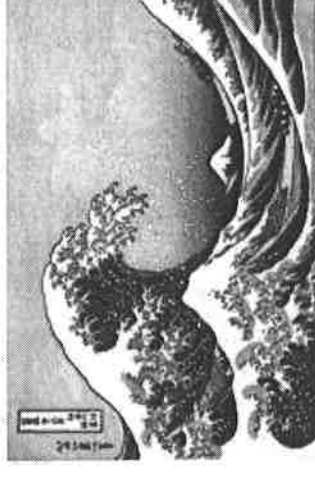
INDEX of WSSPC AWARDS in EXCELLENCE WINNERS 1996-2009 by CATEGORY

STATE	AGENCY	PROGRAM	YEAR	CATEGORY	PRODUCT:	
					Program	Publication Video/CD
OR	Oregon Natural Hazards Workgroup at the University of Oregon	Partners for Disaster Resistance & Resilience	2007	Innovations (Private/Public Partnership)	X	
WA	Fierce County Department of Emergency Management	Mt. Rainier Lahar Warning System and Lahar Travel Time Mapping Project	2003	Innovations	X	X
WA	Grays Harbor Emergency Management (State & Local Tsunami Working Group)	Washington Coast: NCAA Weather Radio Station Mt. Octopus/Forks	2001	Innovations	X	
AR	Representative Richard Simmons, Arkansas State Legislature	Arkansas Earthquake Preparedness (2 Legislative Acts)	2000	Innovations	X	
CA	California Division of Mines & Geology (now California Geological Survey)	Seismic Hazard Mapping Program	1998	Innovations	X	X
CA	City & County of San Francisco, Dept. of Building Inspection	Building Occupancy Resumption Emergency Inspection Program	1997	Innovations	X	
OR	Peter Courtney, Oregon State Senator & Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission	Senator Peter Courtney's Introduction & Passage of Senate Bills 13, 14, 15 & Joint Resolutions 21 and 22	2001	Legislation	X	X
AK	Kodiak Island Borough, Alaska	Kodiak Island Borough School Seismic Hazard Mitigation Program	2009	Overall Award in Excellence Mitigation	X	
OR	Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries	Statewide Seismic Needs Assessment of Oregon Schools and Emergency Facilities	2008	Mitigation	X	X
UT	Capital Preservation Board	Utah State Capitol Seismic Retrofit and Restoration	2008	Mitigation	X	

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Committees

- Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Committee
 - Symposia
 - Tsunami Center
 - (state tsunami products on WSSPC website)
 - Reports – Tsunami Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness
 - Policy Recommendations



Policy Recommendations

- Tsunami Education, Awareness, Notification, Response
- International Building Codes Seismic Provisions
- URM Identification and Mitigation
- Non-Ductile Concrete Buildings
- School Building Safety
- Lifelines
- Gas Shut-Off Devices
- Risk Reduction Strategies
- Hazard Identification and Assessment
- Earthquake Monitoring Networks
- Post-Earthquake Technical Clearinghouses
- Post-Earthquake Information Management System
- Earthquake Early Warning

Partnerships

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Earthquake Engineering Research Institute
- Natural Hazards Center
- International Code Council
- Applied Technology Council
- Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup
- Earthquake Consortia: CUSEC, NESEC
- Natural Hazards Caucus Alliance
- US Geological Survey Coalition
- NEHRP Coalition
- Earthquake Country Alliance
- National Emergency Management Association... to name a few