



Innovations

Arkansas Earthquake Preparedness (2 Acts)

Arkansas State Legislature

The “Innovation” in this award lies in the concept of recognizing mitigation legislation, as demonstrated by the Arkansas State Legislature. Through the leadership of Representative Richard Simmons, both the Arkansas House and Senate passed two bills, which were at their core, earthquake mitigation policies. Notably, Act 1364 ensures the enhancement of seismic monitoring within the state of Arkansas by calling on universities and state agencies to establish collaborative programs. Act 1485 makes changes that will strengthen the Arkansas Building Code with regard to public structures.