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Program/Project Name: US Resiliency Council Rating System

Administering Agency: US Resiliency Council

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Program Summary:

The U.S. Resiliency Council (USRC) Rating System rates building response to earthquakes in three categories: Safety, Damage, and Recovery. The Safety rating reflects the expected performance of the building in terms of loss of life, injury and egress. The Damage rating is an estimate of the cost to repair the building after an earthquake, and the Recovery rating is an estimate of the time it will take for the building to return to functionality. The rating system is designed for education as well as implementation to improve resiliency. Through webinars, presentations, online and print publications, and training, the USRC uses the Rating System to raise awareness about the performance of buildings in earthquakes, dispel misconceptions about performance, and show how building performance can be measurably improved in new design or retrofit. The Council's website is linked here.