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## WSSPC NEWS

**It's Awards Nomination Time Again!**  
Do you know an individual or program that has shown exceptional creative and innovative efforts within the earthquake hazards reduction community? If so, write a nomination! Nominations for the 2020 WSSPC Awards are now open. Recognize outstanding colleagues and projects that have had an impact on seismic risk reduction with a nomination for the WSSPC Awards in Excellence, Lifetime Achievement Award, or WSSPC Leadership Award. The nomination deadline is January 3, 2020. Nomination forms and eligibility guidelines can be found on the website at: <https://www.wsspc.org/awards/call-nominations/>

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**WSSPC's New Monthly Calls**  
WSSPC is hosting monthly calls for three main groups: our member Earthquake Program Managers, our member State Geologists and Seismic Commissions & Councils, and one dedicated to the WSSPC Clearinghouse. These monthly meetings allow us to communicate more regularly and create platforms where we can share ideas.

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If you are not currently participating in one of these three groups, believe that you would be an asset, and would like to join, please email Lara Brodetsky at [lbrodetsky@wsspc.org](mailto:lbrodetsky@wsspc.org) or Matthew Wall at [mwall@wsspc.org](mailto:mwall@wsspc.org).

**September is National Preparedness Month!**  
National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. The 2019 theme is "Prepared,



Not Scared."  
Use this month as an opportunity to talk to your family, friends, neighbors, and community about what your plan is when an

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earthquake or tsunami strike.



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## CEA Governing Board Expands Policyholder Eligibility for Seismic Retrofit Grants

As part of CEA's existing Brace + Bolt program, CEA will be offering up to a \$3000 retrofit grant to approximately 30,000 CEA policy holders who sign up for this program on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is up from 12,000 who were eligible earlier this year. CEA's successful retrofitting program will not only help CEA policyholders secure their homes from earthquake damage, but also make insurance more affordable.

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, eligible CEA policy holders will be able to receive a 25% discount on their CEA earthquake insurance premiums when they retrofit their homes. Additionally, also starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, expanded eligibility criteria will offer relief to most CEA policyholders, while increasing premiums for some. Premiums will be lowered for 75% of CEA policyholders, while 25% of CEA policy holders will see a premium increase due to the impact of a variety of rating factors.

### Resources:

<https://www.earthquakeauthority.com/Press-Room/Press-Releases/2019/CEA-Governing-Board-policyholder-retrofit-grants>

<https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/west/2019/07/22/533570.htm>

### You can Provide Input for our Resources Webpage and Social Media Page!

We are currently updating our resources and reports page on our website! We are looking for input on what you would like to see in our resources page and any specific articles, studies, or projects you would like referenced there.

We have also been expanding our social media. With efforts like #FableFriday, we are working to give more attention to earthquake safety. If you have any ideas for legends for #FableFriday or any other content you would like to see us start posting, please reach out with ideas!

If you have any thoughts, either on the concept for the page or possible content, please email our program manager Lara Brodetsky at [lbrodetsky@wsspc.org](mailto:lbrodetsky@wsspc.org).



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## Upcoming Workshops, Events, and Calls:

**WSSPC Geologist/Seismic Commissions Call**  
September 10, 2019

**WSSPC Clearinghouse Call**  
September 11, 2019

**WSSPC Earthquake Program Managers Call**  
September 19, 2019

**AEG 62nd Meeting**  
September 17-22, 2019  
Asheville, North Carolina  
<https://www.aegannualmeeting.org/>

**USRC 2019 Resilience Policy Summit**  
October 16, 2019  
Vancouver, British Columbia

**NEHRP Alaska Earthquake Workshop**  
September 24-26, 2019  
Anchorage, Alaska  
<https://earthquake.alaska.edu/eqsymposium>

**NEMA Forum**  
October 26-29, 2019  
Coeur D'alene, Idaho  
<https://www.nemaweb.org/index.php/forums-meetings/the-nema-annual-forum>

**National Earthquake Conference (NEC)**  
March 4-6, 2020  
San Diego, California  
<http://earthquakeconference.org/>

### ShakeOut is Coming up!

Register now and join the over 12.6 million people and organizations who have already pledged to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On!” at 10:17 on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019!



**If you have an event or workshop you would like to see on our bulletins, please email Lara Brodetsky at: [lbrodetsky@wsspc.org](mailto:lbrodetsky@wsspc.org)**

**For more information on upcoming NEHRP related events, please visit: [https://www.nehrp.gov/pdf/NEHRP\\_related\\_Events.pdf](https://www.nehrp.gov/pdf/NEHRP_related_Events.pdf)**