

National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program

... a research and implementation partnership

Strategic Plan 2009 – 2013 Highlights

Handout for ACEHR Member Notebooks

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Strategic Plan Outline

- Executive Summary
- Introduction - Background
- Vision / Mission / Strategic Planning Principles
- Goals / Objectives / Outcomes
- Strategic Priorities
- Summary
- Appendices



National Vision Statement

The Program is driven by a national vision for the future:

*A nation that is earthquake-resilient
in public safety, economic strength, and national security.*

This vision gave rise to the NEHRP Mission Statement (next slide).



NEHRP Mission Statement

To develop, disseminate, and promote knowledge, tools, and practices for earthquake risk reduction – through coordinated, multi-disciplinary interagency partnerships among the NEHRP agencies and their stakeholders – that improve the nation’s earthquake resilience in public safety, economic strength and national security.



Strategic Goals

- A. Improve understanding of earthquake processes and impacts. (Basic Research)
- B. Develop cost-effective measures to reduce earthquake impacts on individuals, the built environment, and society-at-large. (Applied Research)
- C. Improve the earthquake resilience of our communities nationwide. (Implementation)

Goals closely parallel major statutory program activities in PL 108-360.



Strategic Planning Principles

... *including* ...

- Program impact through effective development and transfer of knowledge, tools, and practices
- Evolutionary approach
- Interagency coordination / cooperation / synergy
 - Includes coordinated budget development
 - Emphasizes that progress towards all Plan goals and objectives presented in this Plan will be made, but not all of the outcomes will be fully realized during the Plan period of 2008 – 2012
- Adoption of nine Strategic Priorities that support Program goals and objectives



Strategic Planning Principles, continued

- Close partnerships with stakeholder communities
- Exploitation of ANSS, GSN, NEES
 - Includes emphasis on facility utilization by program
 - Includes recurring support for operating key research and data collection facilities (e.g. ANSS, NEES), providing the necessary foundation for achieving Plan goals and objectives
- Multi-disciplinary approach
- Multi-hazard leveraging awareness
- Linkages with broader Federal policies, plans, and priorities
- Increased international cooperation



Strategic Plan Structure

- NEHRP goals: broad and long-term with expected impacts, that should be realized, in full or in part, during the five year planning period; serve to guide and focus NEHRP planning and activities to accomplish the NEHRP Mission.
- NEHRP objectives: specific achievements towards broad goals, with expected outputs and outcomes, that should be realized, in full or in part, during the five year planning period.

Fulfilling many of the 14 objectives will contribute to more than one of the three goals.

Objectives are listed under the goal to which they principally contribute.



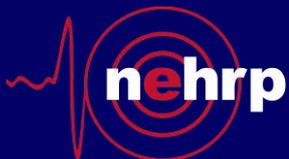
Goal A: Improve understanding of earthquake processes and impacts

- Objective 1: Advance understanding of **earthquake phenomena and generation processes**
- Objective 2: Advance understanding of **earthquake effects** on the built environment
- Objective 3: Advance understanding of **social, psychological, and economic factors** linked to implementing risk reduction and mitigation strategies in the public and private sectors
- Objective 4: Improve **post-earthquake information management**



Goal B: Develop cost-effective measures to reduce earthquake impacts on individuals, the built environment, and society at large.

- Objective 5: **Assess earthquake hazards** for research and practical applications
- Objective 6: Develop **advanced loss estimation and risk assessment tools**
- Objective 7: Develop tools to improve the seismic performance of **buildings and other structures**
- Objective 8: Develop tools to improve the seismic performance of **critical infrastructure**



Goal C: Improve the earthquake resilience of our communities nationwide

- Objective 9: Improve the accuracy, timeliness, and content of **earthquake information products**
- Objective 10: Develop comprehensive **earthquake scenarios** and risk assessments
- Objective 11: Support development of **seismic standards and building codes** and advocate their adoption and enforcement



Goal C: Improve the earthquake resilience of our communities nationwide

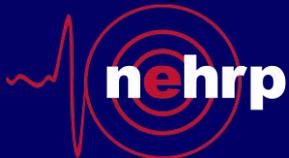
- Objective 12: Promote the implementation of earthquake-resilient measures in **professional practice and in private and public policies**
- Objective 13: Increase **public awareness** of earthquake hazards and risks
- Objective 14: Develop the nation's **human resource base** in earthquake safety fields



Strategic Priorities

Nine strategic priorities – identified in “gap analysis” by ICC – *areas deserving increased emphasis, based on available resources:*

- Fully implement Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS)
- Improve techniques for evaluating & rehabilitating existing buildings
- Further develop Performance-Based Seismic Design (PBSD)
- Increase consideration of socio-economic issues related to hazard mitigation implementation
- Develop a Post-Earthquake Information Management System (PIMS)



Strategic Priorities, Continued

Nine strategic priorities – identified in “gap analysis” by ICC – *areas deserving increased emphasis, based on available resources:*

- Develop advanced risk mitigation technologies & practices
- Develop earthquake-resilient lifeline components and systems
- Develop & conduct earthquake scenarios for effective earthquake risk mitigation
- Facilitate improved earthquake mitigation at state & local levels

