



## Webinar Opportunity

### *Answering the Call: Post-Disaster Safety Evaluation*

**February 14, 2024 | 9:00AM – 10:30AM (CST)**

#### DESCRIPTION

Following large-scale disasters—such as tornadoes and earthquakes—there is a need to assess buildings for safe occupancy and continued use. Critical facilities (emergency operations centers, hospitals, shelters, etc.) are key to community recovery and must be inspected for safety quickly following a disaster. Likewise, individuals and business owners will want to return to home, school, or work and need to know if buildings are safe to occupy. Local jurisdictions may not have the resources to evaluate a large number of buildings in a short period of time.

Numerous states in the central U.S. maintain programs of *volunteer* engineers, architects, building inspectors and other trained professionals. These volunteers can be called upon after a disaster to assist local jurisdictions in determining which buildings are safe to use and which should be evacuated.

Join the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), Arkansas INSPARK, Indiana I-BEAM, and Missouri and Tennessee SAVE Coalitions on February 14 for a FREE webinar on how these groups can be used to “answer the call” during the time of need. Participants will learn about:

- Key differences between safety evaluations and damage assessments.
- Overview of state safety evaluation programs and capabilities.
- Past deployments and how to request assistance.
- Regional safety evaluation resources and training opportunities.

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

City and county managers or executives, local and state emergency management officials, building officials and code inspectors, architects, engineers, construction professionals and/or others interested in post-disaster safety evaluation.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Date:** February 14, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00AM – 10:30AM CST  
**Cost:** FREE (Space is limited so register today)  
**Other:** Certificate of participation will be provided.

#### REGISTRATION

To register for this webinar, please visit  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4031971148120338011>.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact CUSEC at  
[cusec@cusec.org](mailto:cusec@cusec.org).



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