



**GEO-INSTITUTE of ASCE
and
EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE**



Partnering Agreement

In recognition of our common purposes and shared interests, the **Geo-Institute of ASCE (G-I)** and the **Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI)** agree to establish this partnership in order to advance our mutual interests in the mitigation of earthquake hazards. We are committed to work together toward the following goals:

- Encourage continuing dialogue between the G-I and EERI at national, state and local levels to advance science, education and technology.
- Work to expand the network of the continuing education opportunities for our members.
- Identify common interests and issues relating to our involvement in the practice of geotechnical earthquake engineering and earthquake hazard mitigation.
- Collaborate to improve public education and to promote sound public policy on earthquake hazard mitigation issues.

Further, it is understood that this partnering agreement is conceived as a living document, meant to change as circumstances and priorities warrant, that it is a beginning point and the accompanying protocol of specific projects and activities is intended as an integral part of this understanding. Any changes to this agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

It is also agreed that this partnering agreement will be instituted for an indefinite period and will be reviewed by both associations annually.

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G-I / EERI Protocol

This protocol identifies specific projects, activities and joint interests that the respective signatories have identified as initial steps and activities consistent with the goals and objectives established in a partnering agreement. We agree to pursue them in furtherance of the letter and spirit of the agreement, and to do so in accordance with the resources and priorities of the signatories.

- Encourage G-I/EERI collaboration on joint meetings, projects and activities.
- Establish direct links on each respective Web page.
- Agree to a pricing reciprocity policy which will extend member prices to our respective members for attendance at selected educational workshops and meetings presented by either national organization.
- Become cooperating organizations at the respective Annual Conferences (specific details to be agreed to, but including complimentary booth space).
- Ensure effective communications between each association and their respective memberships about the partnership and its goals and objectives.
- Develop a marketing protocol that will result in the exchange of membership lists and related information for purposes of marketing educational events, publications, and other educational opportunities to the respective memberships.
- Seek opportunities for collaboration and/or partnerships in the development and implementation of seminars, conferences, or symposia consistent with the strategic goals and objectives of each organization.
- Seek opportunities for collaboration and/or partnerships in production of publications on geotechnical earthquake engineering and related subjects.
- Communicate and collaborate, where appropriate, on governmental affairs issues of common interest to both associations.
- Work together to educate the public on earthquake hazards and hazard mitigation and to promote private and public investment in earthquake hazard mitigation.