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Preface

In August 1997 the ATC/SEAOC Joint Venture, a partnership of the Applied Technology Council (ATC) and the Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC) was awarded a 23-month contract by the California Seismic Safety Commission (CSSC) to develop a program “Seismic Safety Continuing Education of Building Design & Code Enforcement Personnel.” Funding for the project was provided by the Proposition 122 Seismic Retrofit Practices Improvement Program.

The primary product of the project was this training curriculum notebook, *Built to Resist Earthquakes—The Path to Quality Seismic Design and Construction of Buildings for Architects, Engineers, and Building Officials*, which is intended to serve as a resource for continuing education. The curriculum consists of several hundred pages of training materials pertaining to the seismic design and retrofit of (1) wood-frame buildings, (2) concrete and masonry construction, and (3) nonstructural components. Included are:

- Six multi-part, two-color Briefing Papers — concise, easy-to-read summary overviews of important issues and topics intended to facilitate improvement in the quality of seismic design, inspection, and construction;
- Detailed, illustrated, instructional material (lessons) describing how to improve the quality of seismic design, inspection, construction and retrofit; and
- Job Aids — check lists and other tools to facilitate job performance, including construction observation, special inspection, and quality assurance procedures.

During the project the ATC/SEAOC Joint Venture also conducted a "Workshop on Roles and Responsibilities of Architects,

Building Officials, and Engineers in the Building Seismic Design, Construction, and Retrofit Process" (summarized in Briefing Paper 2) and commenced a series of "Continuing Education Training Seminars on Improving the Quality of Building Seismic Design and Construction." The initial pilot seminars were held on June 17 and June 21, 1999 in Concord and the City of Commerce, California, respectively.

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