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Preface

In October 2006, the Applied Technology Council (ATC) began work on a contract assisting the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center (PEER) in developing guidelines for the seismic design of tall buildings as part of the PEER Tall Buildings Initiative. The purpose of this work was to prepare recommended guidelines for modeling the behavior of tall building structural systems and acceptance values for use in seismic design. Shortly thereafter, ATC secured additional funding on behalf of PEER from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Building Seismic Safety Council (BSSC) of the National Institute of Building Sciences, to conduct a workshop in support of this effort. This additional funding was allocated to the specific task of identifying and prioritizing seismic design and analytical challenges related to tall buildings, which were to be addressed by the eventual recommended guidelines.

The purpose of the *Workshop on Tall Building Seismic Design and Analysis Issues* was to solicit the opinions and collective recommendations of leading practitioners, regulators, and researchers actively involved in design, permitting, and construction of tall buildings. The outcome of this workshop is a prioritized list of the most important tall building modeling and acceptance criteria issues needing resolution, based on the discussion of the multi-disciplinary stakeholders in attendance. This list will be used as the basis for future work in developing recommended guidelines for tall building design as part of the PEER Tall Buildings Initiative.

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