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PREFACE

In January 1983 the National Science Foundation awarded the Applied Technology Council a 3-year grant to develop methods for evaluating the seismic strength of existing buildings. The objective of the project was to develop a comprehensive practical methodology that could guide engineers throughout the United States in evaluating existing buildings to determine potential earthquake hazards and identify buildings or building components that present unacceptable risk to human lives. This report contains the results of that effort and represents a consensus-based methodology.

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