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Preface

Approximately one month prior to the damaging 1989 Loma Prieta, California, earthquake the Applied Technology Council (AT.C) published the ATC-20 report, *Procedures for Postearthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings,* and the companion ATC-20-l report, *Field Manual: Procedures for Postearthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings.* The ATC-20 documents were widely used in the Loma Prieta earthquake recovery efforts, providing an opportunity to evaluate their effectiveness.

In response to this opportunity, the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded a grant to ATC in 1990 to review the implementation of the ATC-20 procedures and to develop an addendum that would provide revisions to the original ATC-20 procedures, as well as any needed supplementary information. This ATC-20-2 document is the result of that effort. During the preparation of the document, further earthquakes occurred in California, including the damaging Northridge earthquake of January 1994. The recovery experience following these earthquakes further added to the present document's knowledge base.

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